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Cruising with the  
Russians  
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## Monday

Up from the deep  
Alan Franks walks in the  
village resurrected from a  
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The father outside the  
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## Portfolio

Twenty-four thousand pounds  
can be won today in The Times  
Portfolio competition - £20,000  
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today, double the usual daily  
amount because there were no  
claimants yesterday. Portfolio  
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## Labour MPs arrested in race protest

Two Labour MPs, Mr Stuart  
Holland and Mr Tony Banks,  
were among 14 people arrested  
last night during an anti-apartheid  
demonstration outside the  
South African embassy in  
Trafalgar Square.

## NatWest deal

National Westminster Bank has  
acquired a five per cent interest  
in Fielding Newson-Smith, the  
stockbroker, as part of a plan to  
form an international securities  
house in the future. Page 17

## Amnesty wait

The scope of an amnesty for  
political prisoners, due to be  
announced today, is expected to  
determine whether the West  
lifts its sanctions against Poland.  
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## Losing money

Small investors are losing  
considerable sums of money  
because all registered insurance  
brokers are operating illegally,  
with no indemnity cover for  
insurance claims.  
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## Sharing the Cup

India and Pakistan will jointly  
host the fourth World Cup in  
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Conference decided by a narrow  
votary. Lord's  
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## Israeli poll

Two independent opinion polls  
in Israel predicted a clear  
Labour victory in Monday's  
election as campaigning ended.  
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## Sun stoppage

The Sun newspaper was not  
published today. The editor, Mr  
Kelvin MacKenzie, has  
produced the paper on his own  
since The Sun's journalists  
went on strike over pay a week  
ago.

## Coroner's attack

Two men, whose telephone call  
threatening violence against a  
strike-breaking miner's daughter,  
aged 12, drove him to  
suicide, were called "scabs" by a  
coroner. Page 2

## THE TIMES

Because of the interruption of  
the print supplies due to the  
dock strike, The Times has  
slightly fewer pages today.

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# Dockers return before peace deal is ratified

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Dockers began returning to  
work yesterday in anticipation  
that the peace formula to end  
the 11-day national strike will  
be ratified by union leaders at  
meetings today.

Workers at six ports went  
back to work, while in a further  
development the seamen's and  
railwaymen's unions, which  
have been refusing to allow  
freight traffic on to Sealink  
ferries in protest at the sale of  
the state-owned company, agreed  
to suspend the ban to allow  
talks with its new owner.

Details of the docks peace  
formula were a guarded secret  
last night so that they can be  
presented to a meeting of 90  
port shop stewards of the  
Transport and General Workers  
Union this morning. However,  
unofficially, employers and  
union were arguing that the deal  
held substantial benefits.

A union negotiator said that  
the agreement gave the union  
"all the guarantees we have  
been seeking" on ensuring that  
there would be no further  
breaches of clause 10 of the  
National Dock Labour Scheme  
which prohibits the use of non-  
registered labour without prior  
union permission.

It was indicated that the  
employers had given a firm  
commitment to ensure that the  
scheme was "honoured" in the  
future, but employers' sources  
were inclined to dismiss that  
version as union hyperbole and  
believed that they had made

very few concessions in the  
agreement, which came after 16  
hours of talks at the London  
offices of the Advisory, Conciliation  
and Arbitration Service.

It became clear yesterday that  
although the talks came close to  
breakdown on several occasions  
the strong pressures on both  
sides for an agreement were  
paramount. The employers  
faced increasing demands from  
the Government for a quick  
settlement to the damaging  
strike, while union leaders were  
aware that the strike could have  
quickly started crumbling.

There were reports that  
national docks officials had  
been warned that workers at  
Dover, and the privately-owned  
Felixstowe container port, were  
planning to return to work.  
Yesterday's meeting of 1,100  
dockers at Felixstowe, which in  
10 minutes decided on an  
immediate return to work, had  
been planned before the peace  
talks started and was intended to  
be a springboard for calling off  
the strike.

Other ports to return to  
normal working included Port-  
smouth, Poole and Ipswich. At  
Southampton, freight traffic  
resumed moving through the port.

Mass meetings of dockers are  
to be held tomorrow at major  
ports, including Liverpool and  
Hull, to hear reports of the  
stewards' meeting, but there  
was a general acceptance that  
the strike was effectively over.

Employers and unions are  
expected to present the agree-  
ment as a success and it was  
being said last night that the  
carefully-worded document  
could allow both sides to claim  
an advantage. On the union side  
there was confidence that the  
deal will tie the employers more  
firmly to the scheme.

Union officials are also  
expected to point to repeated  
statements by the Government,  
from the Prime Minister down,  
guaranteeing at least the short-  
term future of the dock labour  
scheme, which has been coming  
under increasing pressure in  
recent months from the  
Government and employers.

The deal was also said to be a  
feather in the cap of Mr Pat  
Lowry, chairman of Acas, and his  
conciliation staff who had  
worked hard to prevent the  
breakdown, which in the early  
hours yesterday had looked  
inevitable.

The decision to half the ban  
on freight traffic using Sealink  
ships was announced yesterday  
by the National Union of  
Seamen and the National  
Union of Railwaymen to allow  
time for talks with Sea Con-  
tainers, which bought Sealink  
this week for £66m.

But the seamen's union gave  
a warning that any threat by the  
new owners to jobs, services  
and union agreements would be  
met with "resolute and deter-  
mined industrial action by all  
members in Sealink ports".

## Determined drivers who broke ban

By Rupert Morris and Robin Young

British lorry drivers were  
congratulating themselves yester-  
day on a remarkable demon-  
stration of industrial muscle  
which was entirely responsible  
for the lifting of the Dover  
freight ban, and may well have  
hastened the end of the docks  
strike.

As the drivers made their  
way either homewards, or to  
their European destinations, a  
clearer picture emerged of the  
way in which they had pressur-  
ised the Dover port employees  
into Thursday night's dramatic  
surrender.

Mr Ken Barr, the owner and  
driver whose load of water  
melons had been putrefying for  
days in Calais, revealed that on  
Wednesday he had secured a  
verbal promise from Mr Les  
Sharp, chairman of the Dover  
shop stewards, that he would  
lift the freight ban by 6pm on  
Thursday.

Mr Barr had travelled from  
Calais to lead a delegation of  
drivers who had been imposing  
a blockade on all traffic in and  
out of Calais.

For several days the drivers  
had been travelling between the  
Kent coast and the Continent  
as foot passengers, conveying  
messages to one another; they  
also corresponded by telephone  
and telex.

"It shows what a resilient  
breed they are", said a  
spokesman for the Road  
Haulage Association, which  
was immensely relieved that  
the dispute was over. Many  
small hauliers had faced the  
real prospect of going out of  
business.

Mr Sharp, of the Transport  
and General Workers' Union,  
took a different view.  
"We were very sad that we  
had to let our negotiators down  
in London, but it was only this  
pressure that made us back  
down. We were threatened not  
actually with physical assault  
but with sections of drivers  
threatening to burn port instal-  
lations", he said.

A substantial number of port  
employees, however, were  
strongly opposed to the union's  
action, and threatened to tear  
up their union cards in disgust.

## Ministers take on union militants

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday  
intensified the propaganda war  
over the miners' strike and  
signalled its intention of com-  
bining its continuing efforts to  
isolate Mr Arthur Scargill with  
a general onslaught against mil-  
itants in the trade unions.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour  
leader, accused ministers of  
panic and hysteria as they  
maintained their attack on him  
for failing to condemn Mr  
Scargill's tactics.

But it is clear that ministers,  
considerably relieved at the  
settlement in the dock strike  
which they hope will enable  
them to concentrate their fire  
on one front, have abandoned  
any pretence to being on the  
sidelines of the dispute and  
have begun a concerted effort to  
appeal to the miners over the  
heads of their leadership.

The change of emphasis  
indicated on Thursday by the  
Prime Minister and other  
members of the Cabinet is being  
maintained in ministerial  
speeches and broadcasts high-  
lighting what they claim to be  
the generosity of the Govern-  
ment's attitude to the mining  
industry in terms of pay,  
investment and the voluntary  
redundancy terms offered, and  
the allegedly undemocratic  
behaviour by a minority in the  
strike whom the Prime Minister  
has dubbed "the enemy within".

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of  
State for Energy, will press that  
message tomorrow in a tele-  
vision interview, as will Mrs  
Margaret Thatcher next Friday  
and in her speech to the  
Commons in the economic  
debate the following Tuesday.

Whitehall sources are laying  
emphasis on Mrs Thatcher's  
reported words to the 1922  
committee on Thursday that  
when the strikes were over "we  
have to take on the militants"  
and return to good relations  
with the moderates.

Although that was said  
yesterday not to pre-empt further  
labour legislation in the im-  
mediate future it appeared  
likely that ministers would use  
the experience of the mining  
dispute to campaign for wider  
support within the unions of the  
measures being taken in the  
Trade Union Bill to encourage

pre-strike ballots, and ballots  
for the election of trade union  
officers.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of  
State for Employment, spoke in  
a BBC radio interview of Mr  
Scargill representing a threat to  
parliamentary democracy and a  
threat to all that was best in  
the tradition of trade unionism.

Questioned on the shift in the  
Government's approach to the  
slow drift back  
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strike he said that given the  
latest round of discussions  
between the National Coal  
Board and the National Union  
of Mineworkers and the points  
of agreement reached, reason-  
able people felt that the dispute  
had gone on for far too long and  
had no justifiable basis for being  
continued.

Mr Kinnock said in the  
twenty-week of a dispute  
which had cost about £200m it  
was extraordinary that all the  
Prime Minister and her col-  
leagues could do was to increase  
the output of insults.

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The Prince of Wales discovering the views of unemployed youngsters (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

## Princely advice on how to get a job

The Prince of Wales yesterday advised  
young job-seekers to polish up the  
interview techniques. The impression they  
gave at interviews made a hell of a  
difference, he said.

The Prince was talking to hundreds of  
unemployed youngsters from around Brit-  
tain, who had spent working holidays on  
restoration work at the Badbury Rings  
prehistoric earthworks in Dorset. The  
scheme was arranged by the charity, the  
Prince's Trust.

He told the youngsters he knew that  
when they went back home the prospects  
were perhaps bleak, to say the least, of  
finding something else to do. He knew that  
life could be very boring, frustrating and  
sometimes extremely demoralising.

The Prince said: "If you can try to  
concentrate on coming across well in an  
interview and, although you may not think  
so, the way you dress makes a difference as  
well. Regrettably, people are influenced by  
what they see in front of them."

## UK and Argentina blame each other

By Our Foreign Staff

Britain and Argentina yester-  
day blamed each other for  
diverging from agreed arrange-  
ments and causing the break-  
down of the first direct talks  
between the two countries since  
the Falkland Islands conflict in  
1982.

Britain said the talks in Berne  
on Thursday broke down  
because the Argentines tried to  
link discussions on practical  
issues for normalizing relations  
with discussions on sovereignty.  
They had known that that was  
unacceptable to Britain.

But leading officials in the  
Argentine Foreign Ministry  
blamed Britain for claiming that  
Argentina was changing just one  
word in a planned joint communique.

The officials said the two  
sides had agreed beforehand  
that when Argentina raised its  
claim to sovereignty, the British  
delegation would respond by  
saying: "We are not ready to  
discuss sovereignty" or its  
Spanish equivalent: "No estamos  
en condiciones de discutir".

This formula would have  
allowed Argentina to claim that  
it had included the issue of  
sovereignty in the open-agenda  
talks. Britain, on the other  
hand, would have been able to  
claim that sovereignty was not  
discussed, and both delegations  
would have gone on to more  
manageable aspects of the  
dispute.

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## Mondale in challenge to Reagan

Mr Walter Mondale ended  
the Democratic convention in  
San Francisco by committing  
himself to negotiating a verifi-  
able arms freeze with the Soviet  
Union and stopping "the illegal  
war in Nicaragua".

But he said that if he won the  
presidential election in  
November, which the conven-  
tion had nominated him to  
fight, he would make no defence  
cuts which weakened American  
security.

Mr Mondale also issued a  
challenge to President Reagan  
for a televised debate.  
Mr Mondale brought dele-  
gates to their feet, but Mrs  
Geraldine Ferraro drew greater  
applause. She said the choice of  
a woman to run for the vice-  
presidency sent a powerful  
signal to all Americans.

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## Man set free after 16 years

By John Withrow

A man who was sentenced to  
life imprisonment for murder  
on the evidence of the dis-  
credited Home Office forensic  
scientist, Dr Alan Cliff, was  
freed yesterday after serving  
nearly 16 years in jail.

The case, one of 11 referred  
to the Court of Appeal by the  
Home Secretary because of Dr  
Cliff's involvement, was the  
first in which the judges upheld  
the appeal. Two others heard  
earlier this week were rejected.

Mr Geoffrey Mycock, a  
landscape gardener, who was  
sentenced in 1969 for the rape  
and murder of a woman, aged  
34, walked free from the court,  
saying he intended to seek  
damages, "although no amount  
of money can ever bring back  
what I have lost".

The record for compensation  
for false imprisonment is  
£77,000 but legal sources said  
yesterday that Mr Mycock  
could expect to receive up to  
£150,000.

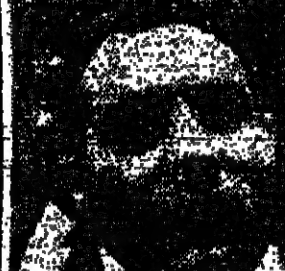
It was the second appeal  
against conviction. By Mr  
Mycock who has always pro-  
tested his innocence. At his first  
in 1970 it was established that  
a policeman, now retired, had  
lied at his trial.

But the appeal judge decided  
that the scientific evidence from  
Dr Cliff was so strong that the  
conviction should be upheld.

Yesterday Lord Lane, the  
Lord Chief Justice, sitting with  
Mr Justice Gledhill and Sir  
Roger Ormrod, said: "It follows  
as night follows day that this  
court is driven to the conclusion  
that there is now reasoned  
unease as to whether this  
conviction is safe and satisfac-  
tory."

The Crown offered no op-  
position to the appeal with  
counsel, Mr Desmond Fennell,  
QC, saying that because of the  
dependence on Dr Cliff's  
evidence it would be unsafe to  
do so.

Mr Mycock, aged 37, from



Mr Geoffrey Mycock: Will seek damages.

Macclesfield, Cheshire, was  
found to have scratches on his  
face after his arrest in 1968 for  
the killing of Miss Adeline  
Bracegirdle.

Scientific evidence about  
fibres found on Mr Mycock's  
clothing and fibres taken from  
the scene of the murder assured  
considerable importance in the  
case, but it had been impossible  
to verify independently his  
work and the conclusions he  
had reached.

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# Britain set for new EEC clash over milk quotas

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Another bitter quarrel between Britain and its EEC partners, and France in particular, seems ready to erupt over milk quotas (John Young, our Agriculture Correspondent, writes).

Figures published yesterday by the Milk Marketing Board indicate that sales of farms in England and Wales in the April-June period this year were about 6.25 per cent down on the corresponding period last year. This is less than the 9 per cent reduction required under the quota system, but spring and early summer are normally the peak production time.

Moreover, the estimated June sales are just over 9 per cent down on June last year.

However, according to the European Commission, milk production in the EEC as a whole has actually risen by 2 per cent since the quotas were introduced in April and shows no sign of falling. French farmers required to make a 3 per cent cut, have increased their output.

There is nothing to prevent farmers producing more than their quota entitlement other than the threat of a penal levy on the excess. The British fear is that farmers in other countries

will either refuse to pay the levy or will demand that their governments underwrite the cost.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, gave a warning a few days ago that Britain would not implement the levy if it believed that other countries were not abiding by the rules.

British farmers' resentment at the "inflexible" application of the quota system is matched by the determination of trade unions to oppose redundancies among creamery workers.

Several thousand jobs are at risk and Dairy Crest, the manufacturing subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board, has already laid off 400 workers in its butter division.

Both groups are angered by the fact that Britain, which is not self-sufficient in dairy produce, is being forced to open its manufacturing market to foreign competition.

Shop stewards from the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers and the Transport and General Workers' Union decided at a meeting in London yesterday to recommend strike action if compulsory redundancies are implemented.

## Crew saved after fire on survey vessel

The crew of a seismic vessel abandoned ship yesterday after it caught fire off the Hebrides. Five men on the Geotek Alpha at first remained to fight the flames but were later forced to abandon the blazing wreck.

They were picked up by a lifeboat from Barra which had earlier taken off 15 other seamen.

The stricken ship, a converted stern trawler, was 10 miles off Barra Head, the most southerly point of the Outer Hebrides, when fire broke out in the galley. A mayday message was sent out.

The five-man skeleton crew tried to fight the fire after their colleagues had been taken to safety, but they were unable to prevent the flames spreading.

The burning ship was being towed last night by the frigate, HMS Boxer, to deeper water to lessen the hazard if it was decided to abandon the vessel.

Heart patient yachtsman James Hatfield was yesterday becalmed, sick and running out of food and water more than 4,000 miles from Cape Town, his next port of call.

## £1.4m loss by Port of London

The Port of London Authority, which is responsible for 95 miles of the tidal Thames and owns Tilbury Docks last year lost £1.4m against a profit the previous year of £76,000. The loss was largely attributed to the "disaster" of the eight-week strike by dockers



Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, with Dr J. H. Burnett Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, left, and Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, after yesterday's ceremony in the McEwan Hall where Mr Mugabe received an honorary degree.

## Battle over land use may end

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Hopes of an end to the war of words between farmers and conservationists were raised yesterday by a joint statement by Mr David Astor, chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and Mr Peter Gifford, president of the Country Landowners' Association.

The two hitherto mutually antagonistic bodies declared that ways must be found to build environmental objectives into the system of official financial support for agriculture.

They were united in the pursuit of changes in policy which would help end the unfortunate and damaging conflicts about the effect of modern agricultural practices on the countryside.

"Solutions will not be easy to find," the statement said.

## Miners' drift back to work slows down

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The drift back to work in the striking coalfields appears to have tailed off, according to official figures supplied to *The Times*.

At the last count yesterday, there were about 42,000 people working in the pits, including colliery officials who are not directly involved in the dispute. The number of strikers who have returned to work since July 2 is only 384.

That tally suggests that the letters from area and pit managers, together with the appeal from the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, have had some impact in the coalfields where support for the 19-week stoppage is uncertain.

There are still more than 120,000 miners on strike as the dispute goes into the late summer. It seems certain after the breakdown of talks that the industry will be incapable of

meeting its production targets for the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Collieries working normally are: North Nottinghamshire area: Bevercotes, Blisworth, Blyth, Clippesley, Crowwell, Harworth, Mansfield, Sutton, Rufford, Sherwood, Silverhill, Sutton, Thoresby and Welbeck.

South Nottinghamshire area: Annesley, Babington, Bemburgh, Calverton, Cotgrave, Gedling, Hucknall, Lundy, Moorgreen, Newstead and Pye Hill.

South Midlands: Bagworth, Ellistown, South Leicester, Whitwick, Cadeby Hill, Donisthorpe, Measham and Rawdon. On holiday: Baddesley, Birch Coppice, Daw Mill and Colveston.

Western Area: Florence, Hem Heath, Silverdale, Lea Hall, Littleton, Aggresholt, Cranton, Haig, Point of Ayr and Parsonage (on holiday). Working partially: Parkside, West-ditch and Gorse (on holiday).

North Derbyshire: Working partially: Bolsover, Shirebrook and Warop.

Working partially: Bilston (on holiday).

## Tory MPs seek tighter ballots rule

A group of Conservative MPs is threatening to rebel against the Government on Tuesday unless it further tightens its legislation providing for secret ballots for elections to trade union executive posts (Philip Webster, our Political Correspondent, writes).

The group is dissatisfied with the compromise agreed by the Government after a revolt in the Lords last month.

The Lords had voted to outlaw workplace ballots. Under the compromise announced last week there will be a "presumption" that ballots should be postal but workplace ballots will still be allowed if unions satisfy themselves that they are fair and secret.

Aggrieved union members will have the right to complain to the certification officer and ultimately the High Court if they feel an election has been conducted improperly.

## Haughey is ready for contraceptive reform

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The prospect of all-party agreement in changing the Irish Republic's family planning laws was hinted at yesterday when Mr Charles Haughey, the Opposition leader, admitted it was time for a review and reform.

Mr Haughey was responsible for the law which began operating almost four years ago in what he described as an "Irish solution" to an Irish problem. Since then the law has been flouted, particularly the insistence that non-medical contraceptive be issued with a prescription.

The Fianna Fail leader admitted his original solution had not been perfect. "It had certain drawbacks and disadvantages. In fact the way it has operated has not been very successful either." The legislation had emphasized building up a family planning service but most of that had not occurred.

He would not allow his party a free vote in the Dail on the issue but added: "We will play a full part in the review and I would hope we will be able to come up and agree, perhaps with the Government when they put forward their proposals, on what is the best thing to do."

The Government is under pressure to bring changes with the debate focusing on whether non-medical contraceptives should be available on demand or if an age limit should be introduced.

Dr Garrett FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, is to head a sub-committee of Fine Gael which will set out his party's position on reform that indicates a division like that which occurred over the abortion amendment referendum.

The latest opinion poll on contraception in the Republic showed 36 per cent in favour of their availability to everyone, 25 per cent to married people only, 22 per cent to married people only with prescriptions, 15 per cent not available at all and 2 per cent had no opinion.

## Jail term after the harvest

Harvest time saved million-acre farmer Hugh Batchelor from prison yesterday. But once the harvest is in the farmer aged 57 must serve a two-month sentence for cutting down protected trees on his land.

Mr Justice Webster told him in the High Court that he felt bound to imprison him because it was not the first time he had defied court orders not to fell trees. The two-months' reprieve came when his counsel, Mr James Townsend, QC, said that although his family helped run the farm at Thurham Court, Kent, they relied on Mr Batchelor to direct the entire enterprise.

Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council asked for the prison order for breach of an undertaking given to the court in 1977 that he would not cut down trees that were subject to preservation orders.

They said that since then he had damaged more than 90 protected trees on his land at Castle Hill, and on his Elm Howe Court Estate at Hollingbourne.

Last year he went to prison for two weeks for breaking the undertaking. This time he must go to jail for two months, said the judge. He must also pay five-sixths of the council's costs and his own costs estimated at £35,000.

## Contracts worth £114m unchecked

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Private firms have been given public business worth £114m which has yet to be given proper official checks, the Commons public accounts committee said yesterday. Most of the money had been paid in advance by the Government's Property Services Agency, the subject of a corruption inquiry last year.

The committee said in its latest investigation of the agency that staff there were leaving unchecked far too much of the money that they were paying to firms for work to be done after payment.

The agency has 27,000 staff and is responsible for thousands of public buildings including museums, office blocks, embassies and defence bunkers. Its staff are mainly administrative and all £1.5m building and maintenance work is done by private firms.

Sir Geoffrey Wardsale, a former senior civil servant, told the committee in February that the corruption already found there represented "the tip of the iceberg."

The committee's latest report covers "measured term contracts" in which companies compete for agency work which lasts for three years. The winning firms are paid in advance, and the agency is supposed to check that the work has been done properly.

Commons Public Accounts Committee 30th Report (Commons paper 449; Stationery Office £4.35).

## MPs' new mileage rates

MPs voted themselves by 100 votes to 30, in the Commons yesterday a new system of car mileage allowances which will allow them to claim up to 39p a mile.

The new system is based on the RAC's schedule of motoring costs. For annual totals of up to 20,000 miles, the allowances per mile would be 18p for cars up to 1,300cc; 25.9p for 1,300cc-2,300cc; and 39p for more than 2,300cc.

For totals of more than 20,000 miles, the allowances would be 11.3p 14.7p and 19.5p respectively. The rates apply

only to journeys made by MPs and not their spouses or staff.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, assured MPs he would discuss the way the scheme was worked with colleagues and make sure it was administered sensibly.

But it aroused strong protests from some MPs including Sir Anthony Meyer (Chew North West, Ch), who described it as "one of the most ludicrous proposals before the House for many years."

MPs also voted to increase their office, secretarial and research allowance.

## Scarcity of top-class managers in industry

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A dearth of top-flight managers in all sectors of British industry, particularly in engineering and pharmaceuticals, has been exposed by a new survey of 100 executives in 50 of the country's leading companies.

The survey, published jointly by the London Business School and the management consultants, Egon Zehnder International, says that most sought after general managers "with knowledge of the whole business, able to direct the company to respond quickly to new technological and market challenges."

The main reasons given for the shortage were increased demands made by rapid technological change and intense competition for markets, domestic and international.

There is now a "cut-throat search" for younger managers, the report says. But centralized manpower planning set up as a result will do little to solve the problem. "Most often it focuses on succession planning within

narrow and unchanging structures; the assertion that there are not enough actual or potential good general managers may merely mean ignorance of resources near at hand, brought about by blinkered managerial vision and the readiness to relax behind internal barriers."

Most of the personnel directors interviewed believed that reward systems would need to be more imaginative and differentiated. And one big challenge, the report says, is to retain the core group of "stars" on whom the company would depend.

Increasing expectations by such managers was likely in an attempt to accumulate capital and this would have to be offered in a variety of forms including bonuses, shares or options.

"Unless this issue is tackled, companies run the risk of losing many of the younger, high-calibre performers who will be the main architects of success in the medium to longer term."

## Lack of staff closes part of hospital

By Nicholas Tsimias, Social Services Correspondent

The accident and emergency department of the main children's hospital in the West Midlands has had to close "indefinitely" because of staff shortages.

The Birmingham Children's Hospital, which contains the region's specialist services for children with cancer, kidney diseases, or in need of heart or neurosurgery has also had to refuse some admissions this week because one of 10 wards was closed for cleaning.

Mr David Hughes, the hospital administrator, said the hospital was under "intense pressure". It needed between 50 and 55 nurses as well as the present 250 nursing staff, he said.

The immediate decision to close was forced by sickness, maternity leave and a shortage of experienced nursing staff, he said, which would have left the casualty department with only two nurses on some occasions instead of the six needed. The hospital's maternity had given a warning that "safe nursing staff levels could no longer be maintained."

Mr Hughes said financial pressures were not the immediate reason for the casualty department closure which was likely to last "weeks rather than days".

"If we had higher staffing levels in the hospital as a whole, however, we might have been able to manage much better. If you are not well off for staff, sickness and maternity leave can quickly tip the balance."

Accident and emergency cases are being referred to district general hospitals nearby with children's wards.

Overseas selling prices: *Chirurgia e Græcia in Latinum Conversa*... published in Paris in 1544, secret £10,450 (estimate £4,000-£5,000). Vidius was a Florentine surgeon, who edited texts by Hippocrates and others on surgical subjects and the book was illustrated by Primaticcio and other distinguished artists. He is particularly strong on bandages and various mechanical devices to deal with dislocation of limbs.

The sale of medical books totalled £180,070 with 5 per cent unpaid.

## Hartston improves lead but Walker resigns

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

There was a wealth of lively, hard-fought games in round six of the Robert Silk tournaments at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, yesterday.

In the Young Masters tournament, Hartston nearly overplayed Kosten to gain a firm hold on the lead, with 4½ points, whereas his chief rival, Jeff Horner, adjourned against Large in a probably drawn position.

Results in round six: Rayner 1/2 Fuller 1/2, Sicilian defence, 16 moves; King, adjourned against Upton, Ruy Lopez 43; Martin 1, Berg 0, Caro Kann defence 34; Hopper, adjourned against Large, Ruy Lopez 41; Kosten 0, Hartston 1, Sicilian defence 37. Adjourned game result.

round four, Horner 1/2 Kosten 1/2, Sicilian defence, 16 moves. In the Ladies Masters tournament, Susan Walker's run of victories was stopped by Nina Holberg, who played the attack well.

She now shares the lead with Nina Holberg with five points out of six, a point ahead of J N Khadilkar and Teresa Needham, both of whom won well in this round.

Results of round six: Susan Walker 0, Nina Holberg 1, Bishop's opening 44 moves; J N Khadilkar 1, Helen Milligan 0, Sicilian defence, 29; D Norman 1/2 V Khadilkar 1/2, QP King's Indian defence, 36; M Hepworth 0, T Needham 1, Philidor defence 31; Mrs R Hamid, adjourned against R Khadilkar, Ruy Lopez 42.

## Early book on plastic surgery makes £11,550

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The first modern book on plastic surgery, *Chirurgia e Græcia in Latinum Conversa*... published in Venice in 1544, secret £11,550 (estimate £5,000-£6,000) to Thomas Scheler, a Paris dealer who specializes in medical books. Tagliacozzi was much opposed by the ecclesiastical authorities of the time and after him plastic surgery was neglected until the nineteenth century.

In the same sale, one of the most beautiful illustrated scientific books of the Renaissance, *Vidius's Chirurgia e Græcia in Latinum Conversa*... published in Paris in 1544, secret £10,450 (estimate £4,000-£5,000). Vidius was a Florentine surgeon, who edited texts by Hippocrates and others on surgical subjects and the book was illustrated by Primaticcio and other distinguished artists. He is particularly strong on bandages and various mechanical devices to deal with dislocation of limbs.

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## GLC Tories want council meeting

Conservatives on the Greater London Council demanded a special council meeting yesterday after the Labour majority had voted to spend a further £3.6m on campaigning against government plans to cancel elections in the council next year and abolish it in 1986.

The decision, by the special committee to consider the future of the council, brings to more than £10m the amount spent and committed.

Labour will lose its majority in a fortnight when Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the council, and three other Labour councillors will resign to fight by-elections in September.

The council held its last full meeting last week and was not due to hold another until after the by-elections. Conservatives claimed yesterday that Labour councillors were rushing through extra spending to beat cuts inserted by ministers in the "paving" Bill which is meant to cancel GLC elections next year.

A spokesman for Mr Livingstone said the decision to spend more was normal business in response to the Government's determination to try to abolish the council.

## Boys in anti-caning row risk being put in care

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Two boys are to be taken before a juvenile court which could place them in care because of the refusal of their mother to allow them to attend a school which uses corporal punishment.

The mother, Mrs Janice Jarman, aged 32, was yesterday fined £20 for failing to send her sons to school because of her opposition to the cane.

She said after the hearing that she would take her case to the European Court of Human Rights and pursue the fight to the House of Lords if necessary. Mrs Jarman has kept her two boys, Christopher, aged 14, and Stephen, aged 15, from the school since October after the younger was caned once on the hand for missing detention.

The headmaster refused to accept that they should be exempt from the normal discipline of the school.

Mid-Glamorgan County Council, which brought the prosecution under Section 39 of the 1944 Education Act, offered places at another school two miles away, where caning was not part of disciplinary procedure.

But Mrs Jarman maintained that they should be allowed to attend Y Pant comprehensive school at Talbot Green, 100 yards from their home.

After the recess, the Government is to introduce legislation giving parents the right to decide whether their children can be physically punished.

Mr Tom Scott, a member of the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (STOPP), said: "This mother has been branded a common criminal just because she does not want her children to be thrashed by a teacher."

## Britain's failing post Hopes rest on reshaped system

By John Witherow

If Britain has the best postal system in the world, why is it that 2.2 million first class letters fail to reach their destination the next day?

At a time when the Post Office is planning to increase the cost of first class postage by 1p to 17p, it is a question that is vexing both the organization and its major critics.

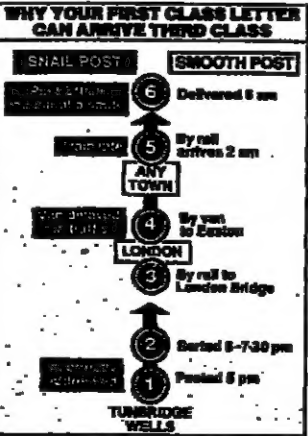
After admitting a recent fall in the quality of service, the Post Office is now confronting the problem with a "task force" of 40 experts who are trying to locate the trouble spots.

The target is to deliver nine in ten of the 18 million first class letters posted every day. At present the Post Office is only 2.6 per cent below that target, but that does mean 468,000 letters a day being delayed unnecessarily.

The task force, led by Mr Michael Berry, has been

concentrating on London for the past few months and has devised a system it is calling the "biggest reshape this century".

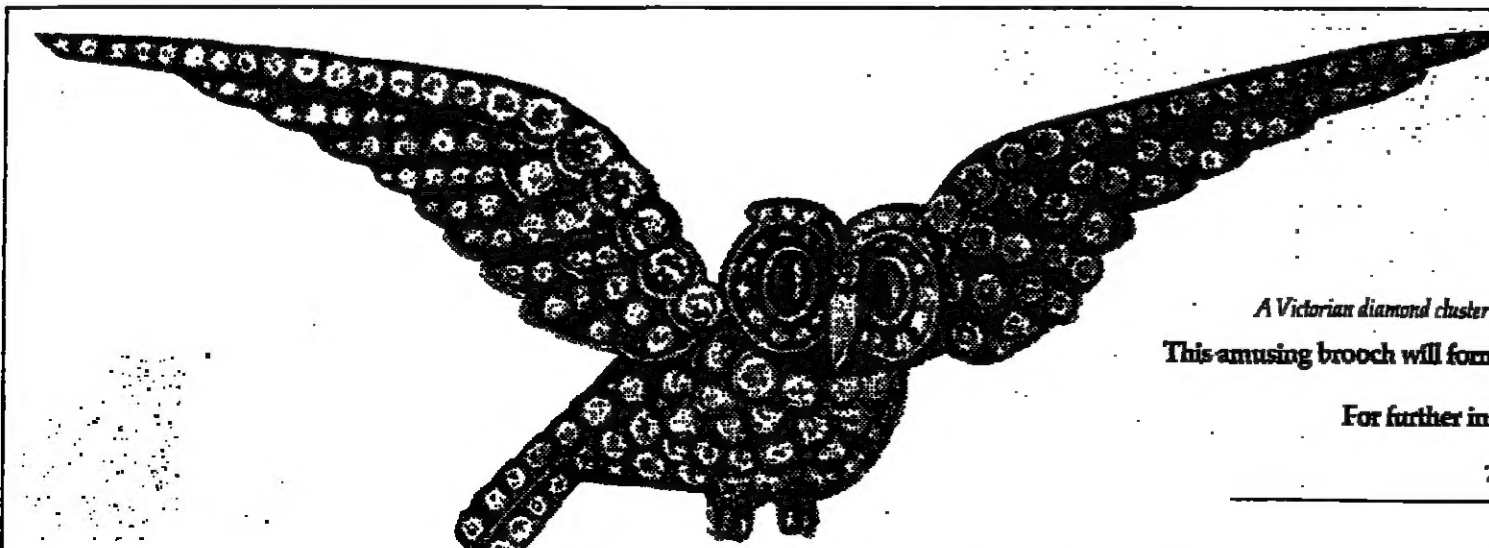
With half the country's 40



million first and second class letters passing through London each day, the team hopes that reducing difficulties in the capital will eliminate many delays. One of the schemes being tried is a better distribution of letters in two "sweeps" late in the evening.

A big problem, Mr Berry says, is that most letters are posted late in the afternoon. If a letter has to get across the country by early next morning it is testing the Post Office's resources to the limits.

By striving for 90 per cent efficiency the organization accepts that there are some areas it can do nothing about. More than half a million letters do not make it on time because they are posted too late. Another half million are delayed by transport failures, disputes, and poor rail connections.



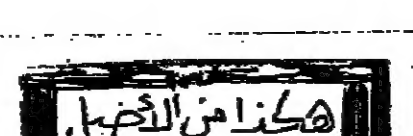
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## Working miner committed suicide after threat against his daughter

A working miner committed suicide after two strikers made a telephone call threatening physical violence against his daughter aged 12, an inquest in Stoke-on-Trent was told yesterday.

Mr James Clay, aged 33, a father of three who returned to work after 14 weeks on strike, killed himself on July 5 after receiving a barrage of taunts and jibes from striking colleagues at Wolstanton Colliery, Staffordshire. He had been spat at and shunned by friends.

But his widow, Anna, aged 30, said that two threatening telephone calls were the last straw. "They were getting at the children and that is what hurt him most."

The North Staffordshire coroner, Mr John Wain, who recorded a verdict of suicide, said: "The two men who made the telephone call threatening violence against a 12-year-old girl were cowards and worse than the people they call scabs."

undoubtedly the calls that drove Mr Clay to suicide, adding: "The despicable implication by these two men was the sort of action from which miners would want to dissociate themselves."

"We have heard of the word 'scab'. It is an unpleasant word used to describe people who disobey union orders, but I look at this case and ask myself where do the scabs lie. Were they not the two cowards in the phone-box one who had the job of threatening this woman and the other prompting him?"

"I ask the public and thousands of decent miners to consider this case. These two men did not adhere to union rules and they must be the scabs."

The inquest was told that Mr Clay, a face worker from Sneyd Green, Staffordshire, returned to the pit in June because of financial hardship.

Mrs Clay said that they were a happy family before the strike but afterwards the money dried up, bills mounted

and her husband became very depressed.

"He tried to bottle everything up but went back to work for four days prior to the phone calls and was abused and spat on."

"He was put in a position where he had to decide whether he wanted to go through that ordeal again. He kept putting off discussing financial matters and would go upstairs and sit in his bedroom alone for long periods."

"He tried to tell the miners of the hardship he was facing but they would not listen to him. They spat at him and turned their backs on him, whereas before they had been good mates and colleagues," Mrs Clay said.

Four days before Mr Clay was due to return after a holiday, he was found dead in a garage near his home. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

At least 30 other miners are known to have received similar threats, Stoke police said.



Oriental debut: Oh Young Mi (left) and Lee Kyo Joo, dancers with the Korean music and dance group Yulho Akhoe, which will appear for the first time in this year's Promenade concerts at the Albert Hall.

## Macy's keen to attract British exports

Macy's, the American retailing group, is leading a campaign by foreign department stores to get more British companies to export consumer goods (John Lawless writes).

A country wide series of what they call "show-and-sell" exhibitions has been organized, attended by up to 30 buyers. Their aim is substantially to increase their purchases, which last year exceeded £200m.

Mr Keith Harwood, vice-president of R. H. Macy Corporate Buying and managing director of its British and Irish operations, said: "We get together 50 or so manufacturers of consumer goods in one place. The buyers travel by train or bus and stay overnight."

"They are there to see what is on offer. The British firms, particularly small ones which have the most problems about getting into exports, have a captive audience of, say, 30 specialist buyers."

## Sellafield leukaemia allegations supported

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

Allegations that the high level of leukaemia in children living near the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plants is linked to radioactive contamination from the nuclear site is supported in an official report submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security.

It contains the findings of a team led by Sir Douglas Black, former president of the Royal College of Physicians.

The study is unable to show a direct cause and effect. But the work concludes that the incidence of leukaemia is too high to be explained by the sort of variations that happen occasionally, giving rise to unexpected clusters of illness.

The main recommendation is for a full-scale medical study. The proposal is being considered by government advisers, and the report is expected to be published next week.

## The Sun fined £5,000

The publishers of *The Sun* newspaper were fined £5,000 by the High Court in London yesterday for a "grave contempt" of court in a front-page story published during the criminal trial of a couple accused of causing appalling injuries to their daughter, aged five weeks.

Michael Havers, QC, had started contempt proceedings after the publication in December 14 last of a story headlined "Baby was blinded by dad" with an accompanying photograph.

The editor of *The Sun*, Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, "frankly" admitted the contempt and offered his sincere apologies.

## Airman tells of sex sessions

Senior Aircraftman Paul Davies, aged 21, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday of his sex sessions with the "Mata Hari" at the centre of a spy trial.

He told the jury that after visiting a club and another discotheque one evening, he

and Mrs Eva Maria Ghazi Jaafar, aged 30, went back to her flat.

"She made me a drink and got on the sofa and started kissing and cuddling. It was then that the first sexual experience I had with Eva happened."

"She masturbated me and we had a few more drinks. I asked her why she did not want to sleep with me. I think it was because I was a bit drunk."

The prosecution alleges the airman was trapped by Mrs Jaafar during sex sessions and blackmailed.

## Industry's £132m for charity

By Edward Townsend  
Industrial Correspondent

British companies gave more than £132m to charities last year, ranging from teddy bears for tombolas to contributions to capital projects, and most of it probably was authorized in an attempt to gain respectability.

New figures published this week by the *Directory of Social Change* show that most of the country's big firms allocated a very small proportion of their profits to charities.

The reasons why companies give money away are numerous, but hardened industry observers were united in their view yesterday that the prime driving force is a desire to create an air of social responsibility or even to win a knighthood for the chairman.

Some of the country's leading 500 industrial companies give nothing to charity. They include names such as Barratt Developments, Bejam, Caveham, Cosmo, Furness Withy and Renault UK. But the top five givers - Barclays Bank, Marks and Spencer, BP, National Westminster Bank and Shell UK - gave a total of almost £6.5m.

## Police offer to meet 'the Fox'

A senior detective made a plea yesterday to the rapist named "the Fox" to meet him before someone is murdered.

"I will meet him anytime, anywhere," Det Supt Maurice Caro, a leading detective in the hunt for the attacker, said.

"You will receive every consideration and have nothing to fear from the police. All we want to do is prevent you committing murder and other serious offences," Mr Caro said.

So far police have drawn a blank in their hunt for the man who has committed violent sex attacks and burglaries during recent months around Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

But since he has been lying low after raping a girl and sexually assaulting her brother and her boy friend in the village of Edlesborough just over a week ago, they hope this appeal may bring him out.

Mr Caro said he was born in Manchester and it might help having a northerner talking to a northerner.

Police in Chichester, West Sussex, yesterday set up an incident room and were using dogs in a hunt for a man who raped a girl aged 12.

## Four surrogate mothers sign £6,500 contract

By Thomson Prentice  
Science Correspondent

Four British women who will be paid to become surrogate mothers have signed contracts with an American agency, and one of them is expecting a baby which will be born and handed over to a childless couple for about £6,500 around Christmas.

Representatives of the agency in Britain would be guilty of a criminal offence if the Warnock recommendations are implemented.

But Mrs Harriett Blankfeld, director of the agency, the National Center for Surrogate Parenting, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Mrs Barbara Manning, who is arranging surrogate births on her behalf in Britain, were adamant yesterday that they would continue the practice "until Parliament

enacts legislation, at which stage we will observe the law."

Mrs Blankfeld flew back to the US yesterday after travelling to participate in the debate after publication on Wednesday of the Warnock report.

Before leaving she complained in a statement to *The Times* that the Warnock committee had not spoken to her or any member of her organization before recommending that agencies such as hers should be outlawed.

Mrs Manning, a former National Health Service nurse in Surrey who runs the British end of Mrs Blankfeld's agency, was said by her lawyer to be "very cross" about the Warnock report.

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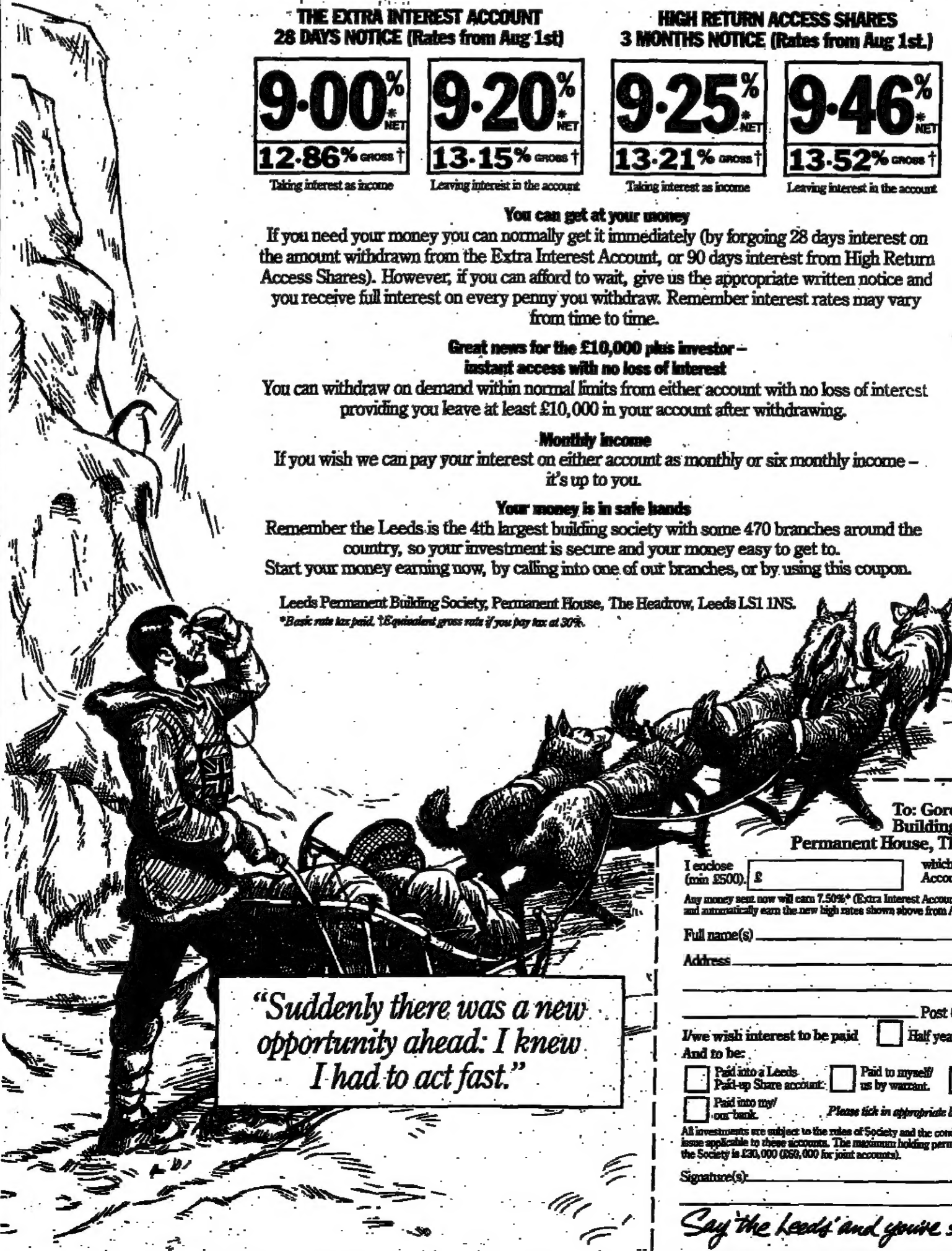
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## 'Womble' man's jail plea

Mr Mike Batt, the songwriter, has won a court order barring his former wife, Mrs Wendy Batt, from within 250 yards of his home after she broke in and threatened him and his mistress.

The musician, aged 33, who had a big success with "The Wombles Song" asked the London divorce court judge yesterday to jail his former wife aged 30.

her conduct was "disgraceful", refused to send her to prison. He said that although she had caused Mr Batt to be arrested after alleging assault by him, that was not in breach of an order not to interfere with him.

Last week Mr Batt, of Strathearn Place, Paddington, west London, won an injunction restraining her from assaulting, molesting, or interfering with him or his mistress.

But Judge Owen, who said



## Pupils to be set learning targets in curriculum package

From Colin Hughes, Newcastle upon Tyne

The first full package for national curriculum for what children should learn at school was outlined yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

He announced that the Government will issue a discussion document within the next few months aimed at setting national objectives for learning and designing an agreed curriculum for pupils aged between five and 16.

Alongside these proposals, School Inspectors will publish two papers describing the variety of curriculum in primary and secondary schools as the starting point for what will become a national debate.

The assumption held since the Second World War that schools can and should manage without an agreed formula for learning was overturned, Sir Keith told the Council of Local Education Authorities' annual conference in Newcastle upon Tyne.

It had become "a recipe for misunderstanding and ill-directed endeavour," hampering any judgment of whether school standards were rising or falling.

Along with the "massive amount of information" on what schools teach, the Government would shortly publish "tentative proposals" for a national framework. Sir Keith emphasized that he was not attempting to dictate to teachers

and schools on their teaching methods, but to set targets.

Core subjects such as mathematics, science, English and modern languages could easily be agreed, but the framework would eventually include specific objectives within those subjects.

It would also describe what pupils should learn from subjects which cross the traditional boundaries, such as environmental studies.

A key new ingredient is to set targets for primary schools, so that each pupil has objectives for attainment by the age of 11. Sir Keith said that primary schools he had visited were "keen, zealous and devoted". He dismissed the "fashionable" idea that children should solely be taught how to learn, regardless of what knowledge they actually learnt. A mix of facts and skills was essential.

Standards would be built from the bottom upwards, the Minister told reporters later. Once targets were set the national curriculum could be devised, and examinations could be geared to test achievement of those objectives.

Sir Keith reaffirmed his determination to introduce assessment of teachers. "But I do not close my eyes to the fact that there are some who have become individually weak in professional terms or otherwise unsuitable for teaching."

## IBA promises impartiality in Oman programme

The Independent Broadcasting Authority promised the Court of Appeal yesterday it would ensure that a Granada Television World in Action programme about Oman due to be shown on Monday complied with its rules on impartiality.

Lord Rawlinson, QC, for the Sultanate of Oman, had said that there had been disquieting reports of complaints by people interviewed for the programme.

"We were also informed that a substantial part of the programme would deal with the arrest and death of Robin Walsh, a secretary to the board of the Oman Ministry of Defence who died suddenly in prison last summer."

Mr David Kempe, QC, for the IBA, said if after the IBA had seen a preview, it was found that the programme did not comply with its rules on impartiality alterations would be made.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice May, said it was unnecessary to give judgment on an appeal by the Oman Government against a High Court decision refusing leave to apply for an order requiring the IBA to fulfil its obligations under the Broadcasting Act, 1981, and ensure its impartiality.

## Spending on NHS barely keeps pace with demand

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Government spending on the National Health Service in the past five years has barely kept pace with increased demand, despite ministers' claims that it has risen at 17 per cent above the rise in prices, the House of Commons social services committee said yesterday.

The all-party group of MPs says that on the Department of Health's own evidence, real growth over the past five years, once the faster rate of NHS pay and price increases is allowed for, was only 7.2 per cent, not 17 per cent.

With the aging population demanding extra spending of about 1 per cent a year just to stand still, and medical advances needing another 0.5 per cent, the committee says "it is clear to us that... expenditure on the hospital and community health services has barely succeeded in keeping pace with increased demand."

The committee is also highly critical of Government claims that NHS spending is growing by one per cent after last year's 1 per cent cut in NHS spending in July.

"To cut 1 per cent in one year and restore it in the next year is not 'growth', the committee says. In the past two years, the committee says, real growth after allowing for higher NHS prices and pay, has been dependent on efficiency savings, and the same looks to be true for the current year."

The committee urges a thorough review of the way expenses to family doctors are controlled when the Government publishes its green paper on family practitioners' services in the autumn.

A total of £400m will be paid out in direct and indirect expenses this year, not much less than half the total pay bill for GPs.

"In questioning officials we were not convinced that there was adequate control," the committee says. No limit is placed on what GPs can pay their ancillary staff, and doctors can reclaim rent and rates payments even if they have only a nominal list of NHS patients.

On DHSS capital grants to children's homes, the committee says it is astonishing that more than £17,000 was spent returfacing a Roman Catholic children's home in Leeds in 1982-83, when the home closed the following year.

4th report Social Services Committee, session 1983-84 (Stationery Office £9.90).



The Olympic champion Steve Overt and his wife, Rachel, at Heathrow airport yesterday before leaving for Los Angeles and the Olympic Games. He will run in the 800 and 1500 metres races.

## Pledge on race is 'open to doubt'

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Widespread concern that race relations work will suffer after the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils has led the Home Office to concede that all successor bodies will be bound under race relations legislation.

That will mean that joint boards, to be set up to take over regional functions such as the fire service, planning, roads and waste disposal, will have the same responsibilities as the local councils to eliminate racial discrimination and promote equality of opportunity.

But, unlike the GLC and the metropolitan county councils, the joint boards will have no powers to raise revenue to carry out those functions. Any race relations work they undertake would have to come out of tight budgets, controlled by central government.

The Commission for Racial Equality, which is preparing

proposals for strengthening Section 71 of the Race Relations Act which places the duty of local authorities to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination, has given concession a guarded welcome.

The commission pointed out that the Home Office had declined to legislate to ensure that pioneering work by the GLC would continue after abolition, and giving the joint boards responsibility without funding left the whole issue open to doubt.

But the concession was dismissed as "meaningless" by Mr Paul Boateng, vice-chairman of the GLC ethnic minorities unit, who recently presented a paper on the issue to the Home Office advisory group on race relations. Within the resources and a London-wide, democratically accountable focus for race relations activity, the needs of the black community would not be met.

## Review of BBC's world radio services

A review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the BBC's External Services is to be undertaken by a Government-BBC team. The review has been set up by the BBC's board of governors after discussions between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the External Services.

The team will also look at restraints on resources and funding of the External Services which broadcast radio programmes throughout the world 24 hours a day.

The External Services are paid by the Foreign Office, and are estimated to cost £79m this year.

Opportunities for external broadcasting offered by developments in technology will be studied and the way in which the External Services can respond to the changes.

The Foreign Office said yesterday: "Broadcasting generally is a fast-changing area. A Civil Service department undertook a review in 1974 and it was felt the time had come to examine the services again."

The department would not comment when asked if this was the start of a big reduction on public expenditure generally.

The team's progress will be monitored by a steering committee chaired by Mr Christopher Bell, acting deputy managing director of External Services, with other members drawn from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Treasury and the Efficiency Unit of the Cabinet Office.

The examining team of five will be led by Mr Alan Perry, Assistant Secretary in the Treasury. Other members will be Mr John Morris, head of the BBC's External Services; Mr Gavin Hewitt, of the Foreign Office; Mr Andrew Stott, of the Efficiency Unit, and a representative of the BBC's auditors.

The steering committee will be responsible for submitting the team's final report to the BBC's board of governors and the Foreign Secretary.

Work will begin immediately and will last about three months.

## Orchestra saved by its players

The Midlands based English Sinfonia Orchestra has been saved by its players.

It was feared that the loss of Arts Council cash could force the orchestra to disband, but it was announced yesterday that the musicians had formed a new company to manage its affairs and seek engagements.

## Lifting of Polish sanctions will hinge on detail of amnesty

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The scope of an amnesty for Polish political prisoners due to be announced today will determine whether the West will abandon its sanctions against the government of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, diplomats said yesterday.

An early draft of the amnesty Bill, seen by the Roman Catholic Church, provides for freedom for all political prisoners, including the seven jailed Solidarity leaders and the members of the KOR workers' self defence committee which helped and advised the union.

This draft also offers an amnesty to underground activists who surrender before the end of December, and make a statement to the police.

But what is not clear is whether, in the final draft to be submitted to Parliament today, those political prisoners arrested for "dangerous crimes" will be required to renounce their opposition activities as a condition of freedom.

The four KOR members - Mr Jacek Kuron, Mr Adam Michnik, Mr Henryk Wujec and Mr Zbigniew Romaszewski - are currently on trial, under the articles 123 and 128 of the penal code, accused of preparing to overthrow the state by force.

The seven Solidarity leaders are facing similar charges although their indictment has not yet been presented. All 11 prisoners have refused in the past to pledge political neutrality as a condition of their release and say they will be freed only if there are no strings attached. Mr Michnik has pledged to chain himself to his cell rather than be conditionally released.

The lifting of sanctions will

depend on the fate of the 11. Officials in Brussels and Nato diplomats here have made clear that the amnesty will have to be all-inclusive to have an effect on Western policy.

United States officials say privately that if Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, and the Pope give their approval to the amnesty the way will be politically clear to dismantle sanctions.

Sanctions include the restriction of Polish landing rights in America, the suspension of most favoured nation status in its trade relations with Washington, a freeze on top level Nato visits to the country and the withholding of slabs of Government aid to Poland.

The cold climate has also slowed down Poland's entry into the International Monetary Fund and talks between the Western creditor governments, the Club of Paris, and the Polish Finance Ministry.

To compensate for the losses officially calculated at about \$12bn (£9bn) by the Poles caused by sanctions, the Soviet block has intensified a assistance to Poland. A mark of the close relations enjoyed between the Jaruzelski and Chernenko leaderships came yesterday with the arrival of the Soviet Premier, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, at the head of a party-state delegation.

VIENNA: A group of 120 Polish tourists arrived at Austria's Traiskirchen refugee centre, south of Vienna, and requested political asylum (Reuters report). The Poles, travelling by bus, had transit visas for Austria and were officially going to Italy for a holiday.

## New twist in cell death case

From Michael Horsby, Johannesburg

Mr Jack Tsoko, a black man, appeared in court in Parys, in the Orange Free State, yesterday charged with the murder of Mr Johannes Ngalo, another black, who was found dead in a cell in the local police station last Monday.

Despite this latest development, lawyers for Mr Ngalo's family said they were proceeding with a civil claim against the police. The family disputes the police version of events leading to Mr Ngalo's death, which has been repeatedly changed.

An independent post mortem examination, performed yesterday, is understood to have confirmed the earlier finding of a state pathologist that Mr Ngalo suffered multiple injuries before his death.

The police said at first that Mr Ngalo had been picked up in Parys last Sunday in a drunken state, put in a cell overnight and found dead the next morning.

One of the other detainees claimed to have seen Mr Ngalo being knocked about by the police. The police then alleged that shortly before his arrest Mr Ngalo had tried to rob a cafe, and had been kicked when the black owner defended himself.

Now comes the additional claim that earlier still Mr Ngalo had been involved in a fight with Mr Tsoko, a lodger in his house. The family conceded that the two men quarrelled. But insist there was no physical violence between them.

Meanwhile two petrol bombs exploded in Lenasia, the Indian township outside Johannesburg early yesterday, and a third in the nearby Coloured area of Eldorado Park.

M Pierre Werner: Three decades in politics.

## Luxembourg Socialists in coalition

Luxembourg (Reuters) - M Jacques Santer, the new Prime Minister, has formed a coalition Government between his Social Christian Party and the Socialists, to replace the Grand Duchy's outgoing centre-right coalition.

The Government, approved by both parties' congresses after weeks of post-election bargaining, was being sworn in by Grand Duke Jean, Head of State.

M Santer, aged 47, replaces the outgoing Social Christian, M Pierre Werner, aged 70, who retired after three decades in politics.

The Socialists, led by M Jacques Poos, a banker, who is the new Deputy Prime Minister, won a place in Government after replacing the Liberals as the second largest party in last month's general election. They were last in Government from 1974-79 under the Liberal M Gaston Thorn.

## Warning on use of search powers against blacks

Warning against misuse of stop-and-search powers proposed in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill is given in a draft code of practice published yesterday (Peter Evans, Our Home Affairs Correspondent, writes).

"Young blacks should not be stopped and searched on the basis that statistics show that they have a higher than average chance of being involved in arrests for certain types of offence," the code says. "The mere fact that a person is carrying a particular kind of property or is dressed in a certain way or has a certain hairstyle is likewise not of itself sufficient."

The code says that there must be reasonable grounds to suspect that articles of a particular kind are being carried. Statistics on the use of stop-and-search powers indicate that in most cases no such article is found.



The Bentley Eight: brighter look for the businessman.

## New 'cut-price' Bentley

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

Rolls-Royce yesterday announced a new "cut-price" Bentley. The £49,497 Bentley Eight is £5,743 cheaper than any model produced by the Crewe company and is the first move in a new marketing campaign aimed at the younger executive.

Market research has shown that the 65-year-old Bentley marque's sporting image attracts a different type of buyer from the more sedate Rolls-Royce.

The Bentley Eight is identical

ified by a bright mesh radiator grille instead of the traditional vertical shutters, slightly less opulent interior fittings and has a firmer suspension to suit the enthusiastic owner-driver.

The mechanical specification is identical to that of the more expensive Bentley Mullanne.

Rolls-Royce dealers are said to be enthusiastic about the new car which goes some way towards meeting their demand for more realistically priced cars

## Public Lending Right report

### Fiction offers best return

By Tony Samstag

A writer who wants to get on in life should concentrate on fiction but try to avoid becoming a "serious novelist," according to the first annual report on the Public Lending Right scheme, published yesterday.

Budding authors should eschew "coffee-table books, slim volumes of poetry, and reference handbooks."

Under no circumstances should he or she turn a hand to "specialist books of advanced academic quality outside the public library field," "books with narrowly local interest," "outlandish tracts," or sex books.

Analysis of the payments by the registrar shows trends in books that are likely to be borrowed from public libraries. 16 of which served as sampling points to feed data to the PLR computer.

More than a million books and 7,750 authors were registered for the scheme and

reimbursed at the 1.02p per loan, up to a maximum of £5,000, which was reached by 46 authors.

The minimum payment was £106, 13 authors reached that level. The average payment was £261, representing about 25,588 times a book was borrowed.

The top 46 writers tended to be names familiar from best-seller lists, mainly thriller writers and the like.

Their more "serious" colleagues were "prominent" in the next category, £2,500-£4,999, where 81 authors were present.

The lowest category, less than £100, had 3,905 authors.

Poets, writers on art and household cookery books were poorly represented, "some types of book are not 'natural' for lending..." Writers of non-fiction were well represented, but their payments tended to be quite low.

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## Argentine insisted on linking talks with Falklands sovereignty

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The Government still would wish to make progress towards restoring normal relations with Argentina but would need to assess carefully the implications of the attitude displayed by the Argentines which caused the breakdown of talks in Bern.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

The talks broke down, he explained, because the Argentines were not willing to talk about the normalisation of relations without linkage with the question of sovereignty over the Falkland Islands.

He said in a statement that he was sure the House would share his sense of regret and frustration that after many months of careful preparation, the talks had broken down. He said the Government brought the talks to an abrupt and premature end by failing to proceed upon the basis that had been clearly agreed.

The specifically agreed arrangement on the issue of sovereignty was that if the Argentine representatives raised the subject, as they clearly wished to do, the British representatives would make clear in reply that they were not prepared to discuss it. As foreseen, this happened.

We went on to suggest (said) a number of practical issues - such as the resumption of normal commercial and financial relations, the resumption of the air services agreement between Britain and Argentina, and a visit by Argentine next-of-kin to the Falkland Islands - on which there could be some

prospect of agreement.

We regarded this as the best way to start restoring confidence between Britain and Argentina. But the Argentine representatives were not prepared to confine the talks on this basis, although it had been agreed in advance.

They argued that discussion of any of the practical issues put forward by the British side would have to be linked to discussion of a mechanism to address the question of sovereignty. Unless this new condition was met the Argentines were not prepared to continue the talks. This was totally at variance with the agreed basis and the talks thus came to an end.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said he deplored the breakdown of talks and shared the sense of regret and frustration that had followed so many of the Foreign Secretary's recent initiatives (Laurence).

Reports in the British press stated that the breaking point was the refusal of the Government to say that it was not "yet" prepared to discuss the issue of sovereignty. The word "yet" was the breaking point. Will he recall (he asked), that it is unwise to use the word "never" in matters of this nature?

Would it not be much wiser to take the advice of the former Foreign Secretary (Mr Francis Pym) who told the Select Committee on June 11 that it would be wrong to close down any option and that we must get back to a position where sovereignty could be discussed?

Will he consider changing the basis which the Government has so far sought recognizing what everyone in the world knows, that at

some time or other sovereignty will have to be discussed between the Government and Argentina?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I do not think anyone other than the Argentine Government can cast any light on the reasons for what actually happened.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C): Double talk apart, does not Argentina mean by discussing sovereignty, discussing the transfer of sovereignty?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Plainly the word sovereignty in this context implies the transfer of sovereignty.

Mr Tom Dwyer (Lislington, Lab): Who authorized the wording of the statement by Sir Rex Hunt? Did the Prime Minister know?

In an article in The Sunday Times last week to be believed, saying Argentine missiles are being put in position with the possibility of attacking our forces?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The statement made by Sir Rex Hunt was to explain to the Falkland Islanders that there was no change in the frequently expressed position of the Government about negotiations on sovereignty.

The newspaper report about missiles had nothing whatsoever to do with this matter.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C): I congratulate him for arranging these talks. It shows a flexibility on the part of the British Government we had been led not to expect.

But can he assure the House he is not being too rigid about discussions on sovereignty? Clearly negotiations could take place by simply listening to the Argentine

position and not negotiating about it.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There is no question of rigidity or intransigence on this matter. As a matter of plain common sense, still less than two years since the unjustified invasion of the Falklands in the midst of negotiations in good faith on the question of sovereignty, our position must be quite clear.

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present" to its statement that it is not prepared to discuss sovereignty?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The Government was seeking, on the basis of the plainly stated position that we were not prepared to negotiate sovereignty, to find a basis on which we could move towards more normal relations.

© In the House of Lords, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhyn, Leader of the Labour Opposition peers asked if there was an indication that talks would be resumed with Argentine representatives.

Lord Gladwyn (L) asked whether the agreed arrangement that sovereignty should not be discussed had been formulated in writing and added: If so, could the documents be produced to make clear that the Argentine went back on its word?

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: The need now is to pause and reflect over these matters. The British Government and I can confirm that it was an arrangement in writing.

Later she agreed to consider the request that it be published.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C): The words of war are far too new to raise the question of sovereignty. That is particularly so when the Argentine consistently refuses to say that the state of war is at an end.

When Lady Young said that Britain was not in a position to discuss sovereignty and did not consider it necessary to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice, Lord Cledwyn said that the more confident Britain was, the more ready it should be to go to the international court.

## Guinea after Sekou Touré

### Refugees come home to a more hopeful future

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

The new military regime in the West African state of Guinea has gone to great lengths to create an atmosphere of tranquillity and confidence, fulfilling the promises it made when it took power in a coup on April 2.

Guineans appear to be losing their sense of oppression and fear, and there is an air of relaxed openness. One effect is that some of the two million refugees are beginning to return.

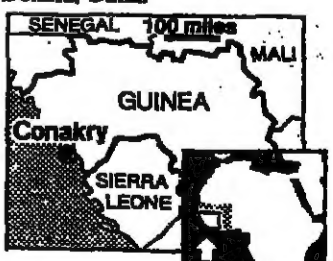
A request for help with reabsorbing them brought a steady stream from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the beginning of this month.

The problems created by a steady flow of refugees back into a country which is potentially one of the richest in Africa. But devastated by 26 years of the late President Sekou Touré's dictatorship.

The UNHCR has now announced a \$750,000 relief operation over the next six months designed to benefit 100,000 refugees.

The team travelled through Guinea talking to those already back, who found themselves having to pick up the threads of their lives with no means of doing so.

The country is almost devoid



of many essentials, including schools, educational equipment and medical supplies. The team were impressed with the relatively good state of the roads until the realized that traffic was practically nil.



# Suspicion grips villages of Punjab in wake of action at Amritsar

Kohali is a small village near Amritsar, with 250 houses, 35 of them belonging to Hindus and the rest to Sikhs, who have lived as one family since they migrated from Pakistan in August 1947.

The hot wind that blew over Punjab in the wake of killings of the innocents by the late Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale's men did not affect them, so much so that when three Hindu families moved to Amritsar out of fear, the village elders brought them back.

Today, the same village, after the Army operation in the Golden Temple, is an uneasy place. Hindus and Sikhs keep to themselves and the two communities are estranged.

But almost all of Punjab is like Kohali these days, the two communities are polarized to the last child. As I travelled

through the state for three days, I could feel this sense of separateness which, until recently, had been evident only in some of the urban areas.

The feeling of hurt among the Sikhs is still deep five weeks after the army action. Many, though outraged by the actions of Bhindranwale and his men at the Golden Temple, seem to be prolonging the phase of lamentations, and relish feeling like a persecuted minority.

Hindus are without exception relieved after the nightmare of nearly two years. In some places they are even jubilant over the army action. Most of them, even though satisfied that the Army action has curbed terrorism, feel deep sorrow over the damage to the Golden Temple, which they too consider sacred.

Clearly, what is needed is strong leadership to set in

motion the process of forgetting and forgiving. Neither community seems to have such leaders. Both live too much in the past and there is a familiar ring in their accusations and counter-accusations.

The Sikhs' anger is not only directed against Mrs Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, but also at the Hindus, though they had little to do with the Government's decision. But it makes the process of mutual reconciliation more difficult.

The attitude of the two communities towards the presence of the Army in Punjab is a test case. The Sikhs want it to be withdrawn immediately. The Hindus want it to withdraw only from the gurdwaras (Sikh temples); they are afraid that the killings might start again once the Army is returned to barracks.

Nearly all Sikhs believe that the Army has indulged in excesses while Hindus brush aside even a few instances as an exaggeration.

The question that both communities must now ask themselves is: where do we go from here? The Hindus realize that the Army is no answer and if deployed indefinitely, it would lose its effectiveness and might get embroiled in communal matters.

The Hindus can probably take the initiative and try to win back Sikh opinion at a personal level. But they too have a grievance. When they were the targets of wanton killers the Sikhs did not come to their rescue. Still I found the Hindu leaders in Amritsar, Jalandhar and Chandigarh wanting to take steps to assuage Sikh feelings.

# Gandhi rebuffs Zia over Indian Muslims

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has taken strong exception to a letter from General Zia-ul-Haq, the Pakistani leader, in which he drew her attention to the "killing of Muslims" during the recent riots in Bhiwandi and Bombay.

In a harshly worded reply, sent a few days ago, she said that it was none of her business to make such comments, adding that Pakistan's

treatment of minorities was far worse than India's.

General Zia's letter said that he realised that what happened to Muslims in India was the country's "internal matter" and that he should not say anything which could be construed as "interference", that he had to take account of the principle of "universality of Islam".

In her letter Mrs Gandhi said that Indian Muslims were India's concern and she did not want any outside interference in

their affairs, whatever the grounds.

General Zia has not replied to Mrs Gandhi's letter, although he has reiterated his "concern" over the Muslims in India in a press interview in Islamabad. His letter is apparently for home consumption; the older generation in Pakistan still feels that, by partitioning the subcontinent, it secured its position but did not protect the interests of Muslims in India.

This is not the first time that

General Zia has talked about Muslims in India and their "suffering". His comments on the Moradabad riots two years ago provoked an angry response in India. Delhi reacted sharply to what it considered Islamabad's interference in its affairs.

Observers believe that General Zia's letter is one of the reasons that prompted Mrs Gandhi to postpone talks between the two countries at official and ministerial level.



After the shooting: Joshua Coleman, 11 (left), wounded in the shooting, talking to reporters from his hospital bed, while Mrs Ema Huberty spoke of her husband

# 'I'm going hunting for humans'

Minutes before James Huberty stormed into McDonald's restaurant in the tiny California border town of San Ysidro and started his murderous onslaught that left 21 dead he told his wife "I'm going hunting for humans".

His widow Ema, said yesterday "I didn't know what he was talking about. He said he heard voices in his head and they would not go away."

Mrs Huberty, speaking to San Diego's television station KPMR, painted the picture of a troubled husband. "He was not in his right mind. He said God was two feet tall and had a blonde beard," she said tearfully. "I

didn't think he was capable of what he did."

As the tiny community of San Ysidro tried to return to normalcy last Wednesday's violence, Mrs Huberty sat in her apartment just one block from the restaurant.

She said her husband had brought her and their two daughters from the small Ohio town of Massillon to San Diego after he lost his job as a welder.

The family came to California seven months ago and Mr Huberty took a job as a security guard but was dismissed a week ago.

On the day of the massacre Mrs Huberty said he took her

and their daughters to the San Diego Zoo and to breakfast at another McDonald's restaurant not far from where the blood-bath occurred. A day or so before the shootings she said her husband had tried to make an appointment with a doctor at a mental health clinic nearby but the clinic told him they would call back. They never did, she claimed.

She said her husband "Found nothing but frustrations and broken dreams in San Diego looking for some kind of work."

She said they were not separated and that he never took drugs.

# Party chiefs in Canada run risk of losing seats

From John Best, Ottawa.

Whichever party wins the Canadian general election on September 4 could find itself without a leader in the House of Commons. All three main party leaders face tough individual fights to get elected.

Mr John Turner, the Liberal Prime Minister, has chosen to run in Vancouver's Quadra (British Columbia), where he once attended university. For 12 years the constituency has been securely held by the Conservatives.

Mr Brian Mulroney, the Tory leader, is running in Manicouagan, a sprawling rural Quebec constituency which the Liberal candidate won by 16,000 votes in the 1980 elections.

Both chose their constituencies for important symbolic reasons. Mr Turner is trying to lead a revival of western Liberal fortunes in Canada - the Liberals won no British Columbia seats in 1980 - and Mr Mulroney is trying to do the same for the Conservatives in French-speaking Quebec.

Mr Ed Broadbent, leader of the third party in the Commons, the left-wing New Democrats, is seeking re-election in Oshawa, Ontario. The Tories claim that local opinion polls show their candidate running ahead of Mr Broadbent.

# Schools in Malta get ultimatum

From Our Correspondent, Valletta

Church secondary schools in Malta have received from the Minister of Education a list of conditions to be accepted if the government is to give them a licence to operate during the next school year, which begins in September.

The main condition is that no fees be charged, and "free" according to the Education Act, include all kinds of remuneration or compensation, including a donation or contribution.

The other conditions are largely aimed at bringing church schools in line with government schools and giving the Director of Education full control over them.

The schools have been given until July 31 to inform the Department of Education whether they are prepared to accept the conditions. Any school which does not will be taken over by the Government.

However, all schools are expected to apply for a licence

# Abba faces £4.6m tax allegations

From Christopher Moore, Stockholm

The pop group, Abba, yesterday faced allegations made by the Swedish inland revenue of tax evasion totalling £4.6m.

The allegations, published in the leading Stockholm daily *Dagens Nyheter*, involve five cases of alleged revenue concealment in deals by Abba-owned companies. Mr Lasse Carlstrom, State Prosecutor, said that after civil court cases to be brought later this year by the inland revenue for payment of the unpaid taxes, he was prepared to institute criminal proceedings against the group.

Abba's parent company, Polar Music Invest, is alleged to have concealed £3.8m in disposing of a defunct oil trading firm. The four Abba members and their manager, Mr Stikkan Anderson, are also accused of evading taxes estimated at £200,000 in a complex deal involving their property company, Stockholm's *Bathas*.

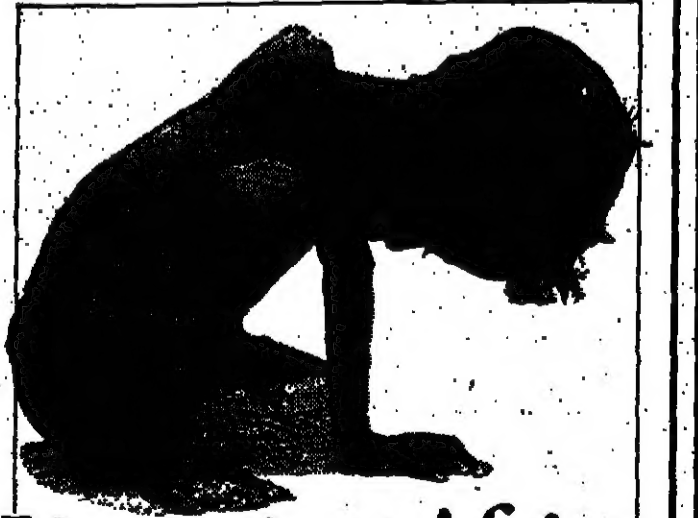
# Peru Indians massacred

Ayacucho (Reuters) - Ninety-two Indian peasants have been reported massacred in three Peruvian villages this week as political violence reached a new peak in a month-long offensive by Maoist guerrillas.

Refugees arriving this south-eastern city yesterday said the biggest massacre was in Arcac, where 40 people were shot. The killers wore hoods and security

force uniforms, and drove police or army vehicles, refugees said.

Relatives and witnesses said 32 bodies were found on Thursday outside Quini, 20 miles north-east of here, and 20 people were shot on Monday in San José de Tillas, 36 miles to the east. The gunmen were dressed in civilian clothes they said.



# It's not just Africa that's drying up.

The rivers, crops and ultimately the villagers simply dehydrate. Ethiopia and the Sahel have been in the grip of a drought for nearly 10 years.

It is now at crisis point and, as is so often the case, it is the children who are most vulnerable.

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## Israel threatens to cut off southern Lebanon in row over 'liaison' office

From Robert Fisk  
Beirut

In apparent retaliation for the Lebanese Government's decision to close the Israeli "liaison" office north of Beirut, Israeli officials in Lebanon are now threatening to prevent Lebanese civilians from travelling to southern Lebanon by refusing to issue permits that allow them to cross the Israeli front line.

For almost a year, the Israeli authorities have insisted that anyone crossing the Awali or Bisi rivers into the south of Lebanon should obtain a pass - written in Hebrew and issued at the "liaison" office at Dbaye, 12 miles outside the capital - even though such permits have no validity in Lebanese law.

The bureau, a two-storey villa above the Mediterranean which had hitherto been guarded by Lebanese Government troops, was ordered to close by the Lebanese Cabinet two days ago.

In an apparent reference to the three armed Israeli security men from the office who were captured by the Syrians while, on their own admission, on a reconnaissance trip more than two months ago, Mr Adel Oseiran, the Lebanese Defence Minister, rudely referred to the office as "an espionage centre" - even though it was legally set up under the terms of the Lebanese-Israeli troop with-

### Air France flights resume

Air France resumes its service to Beirut on Tuesday with two Airbus flights each week. Beirut Airport reopened on July 9 and Middle East Airlines has already resumed its regular Paris-Beirut service.

drawal agreement of May 17, 1983. President Gemayel of Lebanon abrogated the unilateral treaty last March.

If, however, the Israelis still demand written passes from the tens of thousands of Lebanese wishing to travel to the south of their own country each month, and if they refuse to issue such documents at their front line, they will have helped to partition Lebanon even further, an act they once promised they would never contemplate. The "pass" system was, in any case, never part of the May 17 agreement.

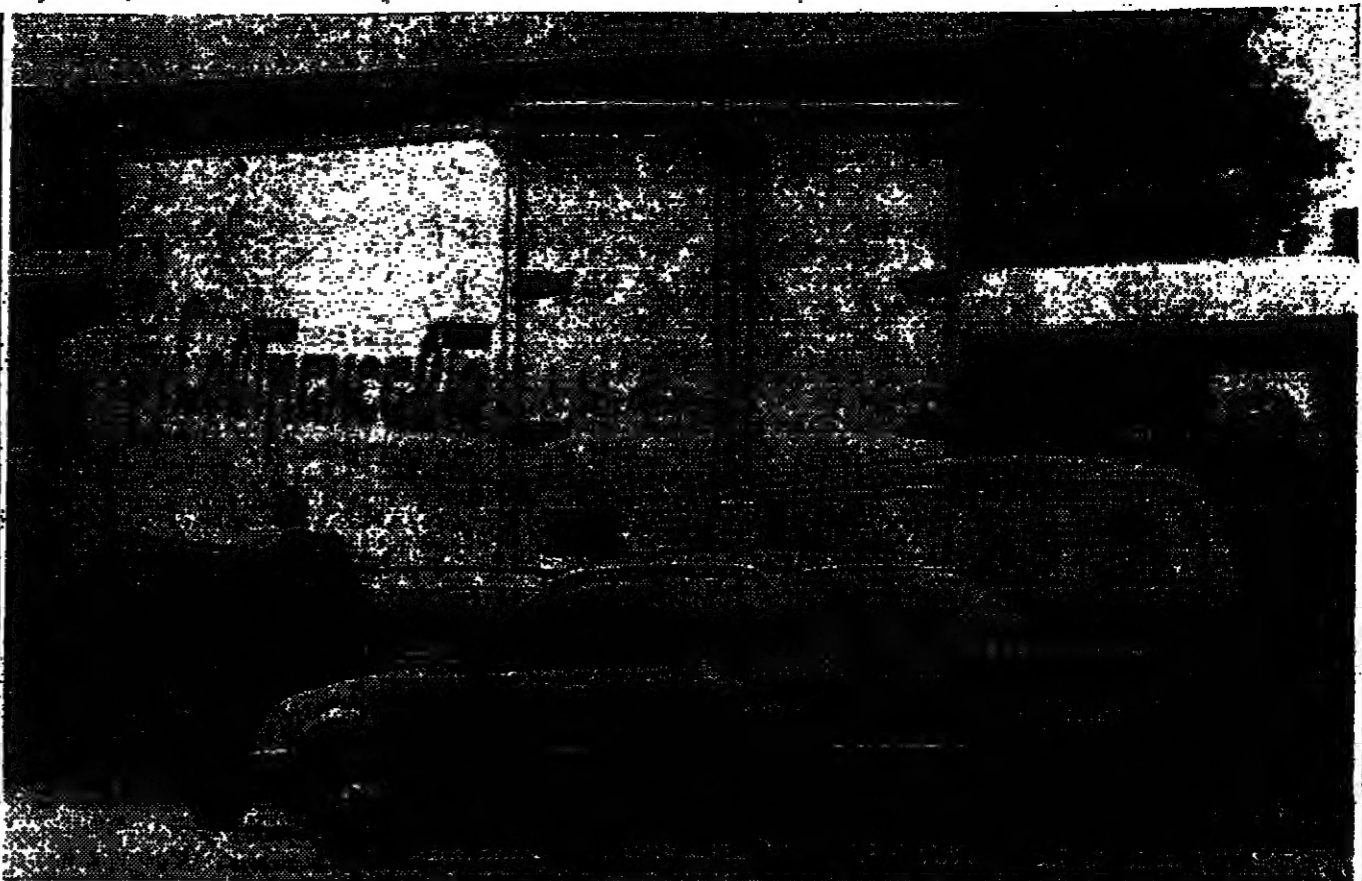
Lebanese wishing to visit relatives or do business in Sidon and Tyre have experienced growing delays in acquiring Israeli permits in recent weeks. During the past month, foreign correspondents based in Beirut have also been forced to wait two or three days to obtain written passes to go south.

Ironically, and despite Israel's claim that it is Syria which wishes to partition Lebanon, it still takes only two or three minutes to cross the Syrian front lines in the mountains east and north of Beirut. The Syrian Army requires no form of pass to travel into its area of occupation - Syrian soldiers ask only for identity cards or passports - and there are none of the 24-hour delays which thousands of Lebanese now have to endure on the road south.

An official spokesman at the Israeli office at Dbaye, who identified himself only as "Robert", said yesterday: "We are not issuing permits any more. No further comment."

● **FOUR KILLED:** Four people were killed and several wounded on Thursday night when unidentified gunmen fired on civilians in the northern Lebanese town of Zghorta (Reuters reports).

Women and children were among the casualties when the gunmen fired from a car in a residential area of the town, security sources said. Zghorta, four miles south-east of Tripoli, is the home town of the former president, Mr Suleiman Frangieh, whose Marada militia last week fought for four days with gunmen of the National Syrian Socialist Party.



Diplomatic juggernaut: Soviet embassy vehicles parked near the lorry at Helmstedt border control.

## Moscow and Bonn fall out over lorry

A diplomatic row has broken out between Bonn and Moscow because the West Germans refused to allow the sealed nine-ton Soviet lorry recently refused entry by Switzerland to cross the border into East Germany. Michael Blayon writes from Bonn.

sources have suggested that the lorry, said by the Russians to be carrying office equipment which should be considered as diplomatic baggage, was transporting electronic eaves-dropping equipment which the Russians had intended to install in their United Nations mission in Geneva.

The Swiss authorities would not allow the lorry to be unloaded without an inventory, which the Russians refused to give, so after being sealed by customs officials it set off on Wednesday to return to Moscow.

The lorry has been detained at Helmstedt, the motorway

crossing point, since Thursday evening. The Soviet embassy has lodged a formal protest. Herr Peter Boenisch, the Government spokesman, said the lorry had aroused suspicion because on its way to Geneva it deviated from the main road to pass close to a Swiss military airfield.

## Weizman wooed by all sides in election

From Christopher Walker  
Jerusalem

Even before next week's Israeli election, leaders of the two main political blocks, Likud and Labour, have started sounding out Mr Ezer Weizman, leader and founder of the Yehud Centre Party, about his conditions for joining a future coalition.

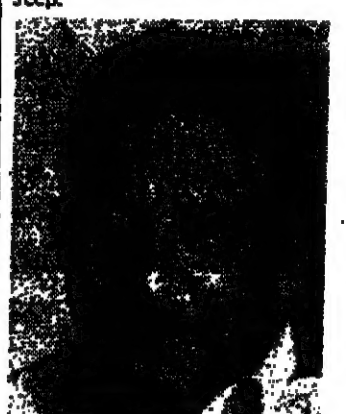
The intensive wooing of the former Defence Minister is a tribute to the energetic, flamboyant and refreshingly civilised campaign he has waged in an effort to secure an eventual balance of power.

The initial scepticism which greeted the founding of his new party three years ago has fast evaporated in the face of opinion polls predicting that it will secure a respectable and possibly crucial three to four seats. This success is due mainly to the party's platform, emphasising the importance of political integrity and the supreme value of peace.

"I spent my life dreaming and planning how to destroy the Egyptian Air Force," the former fighter pilot told a team of Egyptian journalists this week. "Only when that great man, Anwar Sadat, came to Jerusalem did we learn that the battle for peace is as fierce and unrelenting as the battle we conducted in our war."

Yehud is mainly a vehicle for Mr Weizman's larger-than-life personality and his extraordinary ability to charm Jews and Arabs alike.

Earlier this month, Mr Weizman attracted an audience of 10,000 Arabs to an election rally believed to have been the largest staged by a Zionist party in the Arab sector. He was treated like a long lost brother and granted a mounted honour guard as he arrived in an open Jeep.



Mr Weizman: New ideas in dull campaign

"Our fathers and brothers fought for this land. The time has come to stop fighting. The time has come to stop sending each other home. The time has come to start inviting each other home," Mr Weizman said, in stark contrast to the extremism which has marked the speeches of many Israeli politicians. "The time has come to treat each other with respect."

At the age of 60, Mr Weizman, who once courted his wife by dropping red roses on to her tennis court from the cockpit of his Spitfire, has brought colour to an otherwise dull campaign and also some fresh ideas.

Because new parties only get 10 minutes television advertising time, compared with about 300 each for the two main political groups, Mr Weizman has established his presence the hard way, crisscrossing Israel for scores of meetings designed to support Yehud's slogan: "I believe in Weizman."

He has steadfastly refused to give any hint of which party he would join after the poll - although his opposition to West Bank settlements had led most commentators to assume his main preference was Labour.

Even during the three years in the political wilderness which followed his resignation from the Likud Cabinet in 1980 in protest over its hawkish policies, Mr Weizman has remained one of the most popular Israeli politicians.

## Sandinistas extend emergency

From Alan Tomlinson,  
Managua

The Sandinista Government has extended the state of emergency in Nicaragua restricting certain civil liberties for almost the whole of the forthcoming election campaign. With less than three weeks to go before the campaign begins, the left-wing junta had been expected to suspend the emergency law during celebrations on Thursday to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sandinista revolution. Instead the law has been extended for three months, and will expire only two weeks before voting on November 4.

The decision increases the likelihood that centre and right-wing opposition parties will boycott the elections. Señor Luis Rivas Leizaola, president of the Democratic Coordinating Committee, said: "This narrows the possibility that democratic sectors in Nicaragua can participate. And let it be seen that the opposition parties are not to blame if there is no taking part in the process."

However, parties have not rushed to declare their withdrawal from the elections. The Government did make some concession by revoking clauses of the law banning public meetings and demonstrations.

The coordinator of the Sandinista Administration, Comandante Daniel Ortega, addressing 150,000 supporters in Managua's Heroes and Martyrs Square on the anniversary, declared: "Much is said about the state of emergency. The hypocrites clamour for the Government to suspend it when we all know that it is the North American Government with its terrorist policies that has imposed a state of national emergency on Nicaragua."

"Is it not an emergency to have to mobilize thousands of students and workers to the battlefields, to have to apply extra ordinary measures to guarantee food supply and production?" he said.

A government official said the election, for a president, vice-president and 90 member constituent assembly, would be the cleanest and fairest in Nicaragua's history, despite the state of emergency.

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## Mondale's long journey from Minnesota ends in challenge to Reagan

From Nicholas Ashford, San Francisco

There were balloons, there were thousands of fluttering plastic American flags, there were sardines of tinny confetti. There was rock music and solemn music, there were cheers and tears - and in the middle of this traditional convention finale were the man and woman, Mr Walter Mondale and Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, who hope to lead the Democratic Party to victory in November.

For the man in the middle, this schmalzy variety show was the culmination of a political journey that began in his home state of Minnesota three decades ago.

It was also the opportunity for Mr Mondale to position himself in the middle ground of American politics in an attempt to win over the millions of ordinary voters who have been lured away from the Democratic Party by the man who so stylishly and successfully plays the role of "Mr Middle America", President Ronald Reagan.

Mr Mondale's acceptance speech at the end of the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night provided a classic example of a party leader trying to touch as many of his political bases as possible - and will inevitably produce new charges of pandering to special interest groups.

There were gestures towards women, blacks, trade unionists, teachers, nuclear freezers as well as towards supporters of his former rival for the presidential nomination, Senator Gary Hart. But his speech also represented a courageous attempt by Mr Mondale to separate himself from his past and his associations with the unpopular Carter Administration.

Acknowledging that Mr Reagan "beat the pants off us in 1980" he pledged to offer the nation a "new realism" ready for the future, and recapturing the best of our tradition.

Mr Mondale also boldly - perhaps even foolhardily -

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The President was keeping his plans to reduce the deficit secret until after the election, he charged. "That's not leadership, that's salesmanship."

Most of Mr Mondale's speech was delivered in measured, almost bland tones and only during an impromptu passage attacking the Reagan Administration's failed arms control policies did he show any passion.

He did not attempt to match the oratorical virtuosity displayed earlier in the convention by Governor Mario Cuomo, the Rev Jesse Jackson or Senator Edward Kennedy (who introduced Mr Mondale to the convention) because he knew that he was unable to. That is not his style.

Instead, he methodically attacked the Reagan Administration for adopting domestic policies that favoured the rich while hurting workers and middle-class Americans, and of nuclear war.

He pledged to negotiate a mutually verifiable nuclear

arms freeze with the Soviet Union and to stop "the illegal war in Nicaragua".

But, conscious that the Democratic Party has a reputation of being "soft" on defence, he assured voters he would make "no defence cuts that weaken our security."

It was good speech, but not a great one, and suffered from having too many advisers working on it for too long. But it brought delegates to their feet in a chorus of applause that underscored a common desire to see Mr Mondale move into the White House next year and for President Reagan to leave by the back door.

But the loudest applause and the loudest cheers were reserved for Mrs Ferraro who had earlier been nominated by acclamation as Mr Mondale's vice-presidential running mate.

Her ecstatic reception was due not so much for what she said but simply because she is a woman - the first in America to run on a presidential ticket.

She brought the 4,000 delegates in the hall to their feet in wild applause when she declared: "By choosing a woman to run for our nation's second highest office, you send a powerful signal to all Americans. There are no doors we cannot unlock. We will place no limits on achievement. If we can do this, we can do anything."

Like Mr Mondale's, her speech was also delivered in soft, measured tones and contained none of the flashes of New York wit.

Her acceptance speech carefully dealt with issues which are of concern for men as well as women. But the loudest applause came when she unreservedly declared that a Mondale-Ferraro Administration would pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). "Wonder Women lives," exclaimed one excited delegate.

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## Long wait by Greek islanders for redress

After the letter from Mr Michael Hatzis detailing allegations by the islanders of Kastellorizo in the Dodecanese, Maria Modiano reports from the island on grievances against the British.

By awarding Greece compensation worth 10 million drachmas (about £66,000), Britain has acknowledged the looting of the island Kastellorizo by British troops who occupied it after Italy's capitulation in 1943, in what seems to be an embarrassing and unrecorded incident of the Second World War.

However, because of the negligence of successive Greek Governments implementation of this agreement, signed on March 7 1945, can only begin now. So instead of receiving damages worth the equivalent of £120,000 the depreciation of the drachma means that the Kastellorizians are now entitled to divide only half of that sum between them 40 years after the loss of their possessions.

"This is plain robbery," the mayor, Mr Yiannis Kyriakos protested. "Many of us will refuse to take the money since it is worth nothing today. Behind the cheerful facade of its picturesque seafront, Kastellorizo is a ghost town where the scars of the last war are painfully visible. The single row of brightly coloured houses conceals the drama of a dying town kept alive only by the tenacity of the remaining 180 inhabitants and the love of thousands of expatriate Kastellorizians."

Yesterday most seafront shops stayed closed as young islanders - chased people who ventured out, to throw them fully clothed into the sea in honour of a tradition marking the eve of St Elias's Day.

But the young people rarely strayed into the narrow side streets where the signs of desolation are palpable. Every other house lies in ruins; empty shells of stone, some gate still heavily padlocked. It is difficult to tell which ones were gutted by fire, hit by German bombs, or simply left decaying, their owners now in Australia or the United States.

On the hillside east of the horseshoe bay, which faces

Turkey's south coast one mile away, there is an ominous bald patch now covered with shrubs under a medieval castle around which the richest houses were once nestled.

It was here that a big fire in 1944 destroyed more than 1,000 houses. What caused it is still a mystery since the island's population had been evacuated to Middle East refugee camps after the German air raids that followed the capitulation of local Italian garrisons to the British.

One man remained behind. He was Mr Dimitrios Abdiotis, now aged 64, who guarded the light house. "Every time I came into town for provisions I saw British soldiers breaking into the houses and emerging with carpets, cutlery, sets of crystal glasses, even bookcases," he told me.

"I believe they set the houses on fire to cover up the looting and also because they wanted to chase the Greeks away and surrender the island to the Turks," he said. It is an opinion shared by the mayor, who believes that the passenger ship Empire Patrol, which was repatriating him and his fellow islanders from the Middle East was deliberately set on fire and scuttled for the same reason. A

total of 33 people were drowned.

Evidence of the looting was officially confirmed in Rhodes, where the claims committee set up to implement the Anglo-Greek Agreement under the chairmanship of an Appeal Court judge, has concluded a reviewing of 850 petitions, most of them from Kastellorizians.

The highest sum was awarded to the Constantinou brothers, a total of 1.55 million drachmas (just over £10,000 now) for the disappearance of several heavy pieces of electrical equipment from their power house.

The committee refused to accept British responsibility for the destruction of the power house building as well as many private homes. But damages were awarded for the theft of household valuables, such as carpets and paintings, even a postage stamp collection.

Total claims amounted to 17.75 million drachmas and the Greek Government may be asking Britain to supplement the sum: under the Greek decree payment cannot begin until all claims have been processed.

Several claim petitions were rejected simply because they were not submitted within the six months delay allowed. It

was mainly those Kastellorizians who emigrated who missed the chance if, under the present circumstances, this can still be called a chance.

**FORCES DENIAL:** The islanders claim that Kastellorizo was looted and burned by occupying British forces were firmly denied by former servicemen yesterday (Michael Hornell writes).

Mr Noel Jackson, from Burghfield, Berkshire, a sergeant in the Corps of Signals who was in charge of the signals detachment on the island until the spring of 1944, said the allegations were disturbing.

"There was certainly no looting of any kind while I was there," he said. "The Frontier Force Rifles were a highly disciplined Sikh force and I and others of the small contingent carried out repairs to the roofs of houses damaged in air raids."

"After I left I heard that a fire had broken out with the few troops there were unable to contain because of the high wind at the time."

Professor Norman Hampson of the history department at York University, who was involved in the occupation of Kastellorizo blamed enemy action for the damage there.

## Britain acknowledges war-time looting by soldiers

## Italian TV star freed to take EEC seat

Rome - Signor Enzo Tortora, the popular television personality, was released from house arrest in Milan to enable him to take his seat in the European Parliament (Peter Nichols writes).

He was arrested 13 months ago for alleged involvement with the Camorra, the Neapolitan Mafia. He consistently denied the charges and had not been tried.

He was allowed to leave prison after his election last month on the Radical Party list, to await his final release at home. Signor Tortora yesterday said that his first act would be to visit his fellow prisoners at Bergamo jail where he spent seven months.

## £2.5m bank haul recovered

New Orleans (Reuters) - Police here recovered \$3.3m (£2.5m) from a bank robbery in Memphis, Tennessee, last November.

FBI agents said the money was found behind wall paneling in houses owned by three people accused of the \$6.5m robbery from Wells Fargo Bank. The three were arrested here on Wednesday.

## Iberia hit again

Madrid - Spanish pilots kept up their disruption of commercial flights as a government-appointed arbitrator tried to resolve the month-long strike. Iberia, the state airline, had to cancel 14 international and 52 domestic flights yesterday.

## Ferry strike off

Rome - The Italian ferry strike has been suspended after talks between the union and the Government. But if union claims are not met, the strike will resume. It was seen as a serious threat to the tourist industry in the islands, particularly Sardinia and Sicily.

## Detainees freed

Lagos (AFP) - Nigeria's military rulers released nine officials of the country's ousted civilian government, bringing to 40 the total of former officials freed after investigation of alleged corruption or illegal currency dealings.

## Space tests

Moscow (Reuters) - Three Soyuz cosmonauts visiting the three-man crew aboard the Salyut 7 space station are testing their reaction to weightlessness and carrying out scientific experiments, Tass said.

## Storm search

Delhi (AP) - The Indian Navy launched an air-sea search off the Arabian Sea coast for 34 fishing boats missing in rough seas, with a total of 270 crew members.

## Britons visited

Five of the six Britons detained in Libya without trial were visited by the British Consul in Tripoli, the Foreign Office said.

## France agrees tax cuts worth £2.8 billion

From Diana Godes, Paris

Tax cuts worth billions of francs, a bill to extend the use of referendums and a motion for a vote of confidence in the Government's overall policies have all been approved by the new Cabinet at its first meeting.

The confidence motion will be put to Parliament on Tuesday after a general outline of the Government's policies by M. Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister. He has already made clear that there will be no change in the Government's economic policies.

The vote will be the first test of the Communists' attitude after their decision supporting Government measures which they consider to be in line with the joint programme agreed by the Socialists and Communists in June, 1981.

The bill to extend the use of referendums to cover questions of fundamental civil liberties must be passed in the same form by both houses before the proposal can be put to the country - in the form of a

referendum - probably in September.

The tax cuts totalling Fr32bn (about £2.8bn) form part of the 1 per cent cut in taxes and levies as a proportion of GDP promised by President Mitterrand for next year. Cuts in Government spending totalling Fr80bn will have to be found next year to pay for the tax reduction.

The planned Fr10bn income tax cut means an average of nearly £60 per year per taxpayer. A further Fr10bn will be cut from the so-called professional tax paid by businessmen, and Fr12bn from social security contributions by suppressing the special 1 per cent social security levy on incomes introduced by the Government as part of its economic austerity package in March, 1983.

The Cabinet approved plans to limit the increase in Government spending in cash terms to 6 per cent and the Government deficit to 3 per cent of GDP.

## Genscher cultivates Iran links

From Michael Baynes, Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, arrived in Tehran yesterday for three days of talks with Iranian leaders that will deal mainly with trade and bilateral relations. He does not plan any initiative to end the Gulf war.

Herr Genscher is the first Western Foreign Minister to visit Iran since the downfall of the Shah and his trip has prompted strong protests here by Iranian exiles and human rights organizations. Iranian students in West Germany called the visit a "stab in the face" for the democratic resistance in Iran.

Iran and West Germany have maintained surprisingly good relations, and Bonn has escaped much of the invective by the clerical leadership in Tehran directed against the West. Bonn has maintained a studiously neutral stance in the Gulf war,

## EEC ministers fail to find extra cash

From Ian Murray, Brussels

EEC Foreign Ministers will have to return on Monday to a subject they hoped to have been rid of for some time to come - the European budget. Britain will once more be in the dock, when the ministers meet in Brussels, for refusing to allow the Community the extra money it claimed must be found if all this year's bills are to be met.

After nearly 24 hours of argument at Brussels, the budget ministers failed early yesterday to come to any conclusion about how to find the extra money.

The failure was largely because Mr Ian Stewart, the British Minister, insisted that there was no legal basis for raising any of the extra £1,240m which the commission said it needed. He said that only national parliaments had the right to agree such an increase in spending and refused to be moved by the "special case" pleas of poverty for this year.

Mr Jim O'Keefe, the Irish Minister chairing the meeting, suggested that there would at least be a shortfall this year of pounds £810m. But there was no general support for this compromise. Denmark wanted more, Holland and West Germany thought the amount should be less. France wanted savings but could not say how much, pending the views of its new government. Britain insisted there was no need to find anything extra and was greatly helped in holding a firm line by the indecision of the others.

The argument over extra money for this year spilled over into discussions on next year's budget. Traditionally the Budget Council draws up a draft budget for the following year at this time. But the situation has

been complicated because the Commission wants the member states to spend more in 1985 than can be legally raised.

The Fontainebleau summit agreed to raise the level of Community income from the start of 1986. The commission says, therefore, that there should be enough political goodwill available for member states to pay some of this extra money in advance to cover overspending this year and next.

Given Britain's categorical refusal to pay more than it has to, the Council could do no more than discuss a conditional draft budget for next year inside the legal limit. This, in effect, meant lopping a total of about £1,150m off the commission's proposed budget. There was a consensus at the council that two thirds of this should be taken away from the £10,800 which is meant to be paid for agriculture next year.

If there is no agreement for extra money this year, traders and national governments will have to pay the bills and then reclaim the cash from the Community next year. Farmers are not likely to suffer immediately.

But the mere fact of pushing the bills over into next year will mean that the 1985 budget will have to be reduced even more to make ends meet. Farmers can expect no increases for the second year running. Surplus stocks will continue to build up expensively because no money will be available to unload them.

The promised British rebate of £600m for this year would be at risk. This is meant to take the form of reduced contributions to the EEC budget next year.

## West's troops proposal left on the table

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The discussions between East and West on reductions in armed forces in Central Europe, now in their eleventh year, have adjourned for the summer without any substantive decisions.

For the past two months the talks in Vienna have largely concentrated on exploring new proposals put forward by the West in April.

Since 1976 there has been agreement in principle that both sides should reduce their forces to 900,000, not more than 700,000 being ground forces. There has been no agreement, however, on the number actually in place at present; the discrepancy between the two sides' estimates is about 170,000.

To get round the problem the

West changed its position, proposing that notification should be required only of combat and combat support forces. This deliberately excluded service support forces, which were thought to account for a large part of the discrepancy.

The West's package also provided for a reduction from seven years to five years in the time allowed for the cuts to be accomplished. The West, however, continued to insist on adequate measures for verifying compliance with an agreement.

The Warsaw Pact countries have not yet made a definitive response to these proposals. They are expected to continue to explore them when the talks resume on September 27.

## Airlines bring Germanies closer together

By John Lawless

East and West Germany appear to be on the point of establishing scheduled air services, the first between the two countries since partition at the end of the Second World War.

This follows an agreement between Interflug, the national carrier of East Germany, and Lufthansa, the West German airline, to accept each other's tickets on their domestic and international flights.

The airlines have also agreed to start special services to and from trade fairs. The agreements, which Lufthansa said yesterday are retroactively effective from July 1, will see Interflug operating daily flights from August 30 to September 11 from Frankfurt to

Leipzig for the trade fair there. Interflug will provide flights to the Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Stuttgart exhibitions.

So far, the only West German flights into East Germany have been occasional charter operations by the Lufthansa subsidiary, Condor. The agreements come after an exchange of visits between Herr Heinz Rühnen, Lufthansa's chairman, and the East German Transport Minister, Herr Otto Arndt.

Behind-the-scenes negotiations have been remarkably swift, lasting only a few weeks, and the process will be continued next month, then Interflug's chief executive officer, Dr Klaus Henkes, will visit Lufthansa.

## Celebration and grief in Cyprus

From Zoriana Pysarski, Nicosia

The conflicting passions and interests that are Cyprus were illuminated to the full yesterday, as both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots marked the tenth anniversary of the Turkish invasion in differing forms, and one side's victory celebration became for the other side a travesty.

In the northern sector of the divided island, Turkish Cypriots commemorated the "peace operation" of 1974 with a military parade attended by Mr Nurettin Ertaç, the Turkish general who commanded the first landing of troops in Cyprus four days after the military Junta in Greece staged an unsuccessful coup attempt against the late Cypriot president, Archbishop Makarios.

Claiming that Greece had violated the treaty of guarantee, Turkey launched an operation ostensibly to protect the Turkish Cypriot minority on the island.

Across the "green line", Greek Cypriots gathered outside the Venetian walls that surround Nicosia's old city for demonstrations to mourn an event that effectively partitioned the island. Banners and posters in Nicosia bemoaned the plight of more than 1,600 missing persons and 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees.

The contradictory emotions and interpretations of recent Cypriot history made clear why compromise has been a difficult idea to embrace.

Nevertheless, 10 years of limbo have left a longing for certainty, and the next attempt to achieve this will be made next month when Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations will meet high level representatives of both communities.

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### Jack in the dock

Edinburgh City Council planned to make a solemn presentation to Jack Nicklaus at the Open this week but instead gave him a little telling off. Edinburgh has more golf courses than any other city in the world and produced a book about them called *Capital Golf* for which Nicklaus wrote the foreword. As a thank you he was to be presented with a leather-bound copy.

But since the book's conception, control of the council has changed from Tory to Labour, which discovered that Nicklaus, having played golf in South Africa, was on the United Nations black list. The council scrapped the presentation, and sent Nicklaus his copy on the quiet along with a letter expressing abhorrence of apartheid.

**Green fees**  
Golfers with exotic tastes had the chance to indulge their fanciest whims at an auction of golfing items in Edinburgh this week before the Open. Phillips auctioneers sold one club for £250; it was a batby spoon in applewood made by Willie Dunn in the last century. A rut run, a club with a tiny head designed for playing out of cart-tracks, fetched £220.

● Passengers flying queasily on internal flights in Colombia last week were surprised to be served champagne instead of coffee. The reason was that Luis Herrera of Colombia had become the first South American to win a stage in the Tour de France.

**Over the border**  
Scottish chaps are more serious about golf than cricket, but last week the Scotland cricket side fought out a sporting draw on their annual pilgrimage to Lord's to take on an MCC side. And with Test match status, Scotland could give the current England a decent game. Scottish county players include Hardie (Essex), Moir (Derbyshire), Morton (Warwickshire), Such (Nottingham) and Pauline (Surrey). Other players with varying amounts of Scottish blood, who could get drafted into a Scottish Test side, include Greig (Sussex), Lamb (Northamptonshire) and Knight and Stewart of Surrey. Knight, in fact, wore a kilt at Dulwich College until he was 14.

BARRY FANTONI



'Damn, I thought I'd won Portfolio'

### Owning up

It comes as a shock to hear a prominent South African politician declare that his government's behaviour in the d'Oliveira affair was "a mistake". But 16 years after this pivotal incident in the history of sport, Dr Piet Koornhof, minister of sport between 1972 and 1978, has said in a filmed interview with Joe Parnesky, president of the South African Cricket Union, that his country as it indeed mistaken, in barring d'Oliveira, a South African-born coloured, from the England team about to tour South Africa. The tour was called off as a consequence. Koornhof added that he was glad to see "cricket paving the way in getting us back, and rectifying our mistakes". There is a lot of rectifying to be done.

● John Ryan, manager of Cambridge United, would like it to be known that, if he is the great and delayed at the golf club and is thus late for answering journalists' questions at a pre-season photo-call, his answers are as follows: (1) Over the moon; (2) As sick as a parrot and (3) No, she is just a good friend.

### Wide call

This week's Trueamans, by Richie Benad, no less, "I wonder if Malcolm Marshall is having some sort of reaction from Saturday - he is bowling off a short run at only medium pace." Marshall had Cook caught at slip the next ball, and within half an hour, had taken the rest of the England wickets. A fiver for Jeremy Clarke-Williams. More fivers offered for more examples.

### Wing and prayer

Every team in the American National Football League has its own chaplain. In England, a mere 13 of the 92 Football League clubs have one. The Rev Andrew Wingfield Digby, a man who once bowled out Eddie Barlow first ball when playing for Oxford University, plans to get more chaplains for football teams. He has just been appointed a director of an organization called Christians in Sport. It comes as a surprise to find that Leeds United, not top of everyone's personal saintliness league, has had a chaplain for many years. The Rev John Jackson describes his duties as "being there when they want me" and giving talks on "drink, sex, gambling, that sort of thing".

Simon Barnes

In the bicentennial year of Dr Samuel Johnson, our most eminent Lexicographer and Moralist, The Times has commissioned from his immortal shade an essay on the present age

## Pray Boswell, start taping



Telephone will harass him, the Television will allude him, the neighbour's Teenager incite him with her labile anfractuosity. His Type-writer shall fall silent with peremptory berks in the creative vacuities of the urban Night. It is *Fanti non famae scribere*, indeed.

You importune me still, Sir, to expatiate on the Happy Valley of the Welfare State, the nobility of the Ministry, and the nonentity of Opposition. Yet—

How small of all that human hearts endure

That part which Kings or Laws can cause or cure

Patriotism is the last refuge—but my friend Mr Boswell has expounded the Conclusion. I have held it a Maxim that a decent provision for the Poor is the true test of Civilization. Liberty is, to the lowest rank of every Nation, little more than the Choice of working or starving; and where the Young stand idle, and the Labourer receives neither Hope nor Hire, what Praise can Statesmanship expect, or Stewardship demand? Where is the Junius who shall arouse the Nation, or the Burke who shall unite it?

The Proceedings of the present Government, remarkable alike for their Economy and their Cruelty, may strangely recall the Arguments of Some Janyas in his *Free Enquiry into the Nature and Origins of Evil*. He was of the Opinion that there is some inconceivable Benefit in Pain abstractedly considered; that Pain however inflicted or wherever felt, communicates some Good to the General System of being, and that every Citizen is some way or other the Better for the Pain of every other Citizen. They grow lean upon it, and wax Competitive like Rats in an Empty Barn. Though Industry may applaud, Humanity must weep at Hands. Let every Member who can withstand the Whips of Faction and the Scorn of debt, see Britannia abroad, become Ceres at home.

The devaricated Rhetoric of Opposition I have succinctly defined

and Structuralism a solitary Vice. He that voluntarily spreads Ignorance is guilty of all the Crimes that Ignorance produces; as to him, that should extinguish the Tapers of a Lighthouse, might justly be imputed the Calamities of Shipwrecks. Our Universities are strewn with their Flotsam, and our Labour Exchanges with their Jetsam. The Literary Journals, it is true, still show their ironic points of Luminescence and Addison's Wit still shines; but for the most it is burning a Farthing Candle at Dover, to show a Light at Calais. Our modish Fictions are Nasty, Brattish, and Short. The Moral Understanding of the Human heart, that is the Soul of Criticism, and the principle of Immortality, lives chiefly in the Biographical part of our Literature, which is what I love most.

No other Portent has so commanded the Eyes of Attention, the Features of the Guardian, or the Pockets of the Bookseller, as the Female Author. She is the Oracle and the Accuser of the Age; its Cassandra and its Virago. I have said of a Woman's preaching that it is like a dog's waiting on its master; it is not done well, but you are surprised to find it done at all. But the Woman who will leave her Pulpit for her Pen, and her Sermons for her Study, will very often be found to have a Bottom of good Sense. She takes to her page like a Duck to water, and you are rather surprised that she ever returns to the Dry shores of Domesticity. She has proved more buoyant in this medium than any other Art, her Loquacity matched frequently by her Learning, and her Sincerity by her Style. The essence of her Genius is Autobiographical, and the best she writes in Poetry or Fictions has the ring of a Testament on Obedience. Who among us has ever well displayed the causes of Communal Infelicity, or the consequences of social Oppression? Yet let her emulate if she can, my lovely friend Mrs. Carter, who could make a pudding as well as translate Epictetus.

You will think, Sir, that I am too Gallant on such matters. But an assurance of Unfading Laurels and Immortal Reputation is the settled recompense of Civility between amiable Writers.

Indeed I find I have fallen into your Scheme of cumbrous Levity throughout, though I am too tardy to retract, and too Dilatory to amend. Let the Pious reader alone reflect, that whatever the Benefits or Barbarisms of the Present Age, they must be judged against the Past; for all Judgment is comparative, and the Future much may be Hoped but nothing can be Known. The truths of the Human heart are perennial; they have a constant Anniversary, like Amaranthine flowers. It is these that we celebrate in our Authors, and for these that they hope to be Honoured: not as Monuments, but as Men. Therefore, toss away this Paper, turn to my Books, and have out your Talk.

Post Scriptum. Pray Sir, do not, entirely disregard, however, the Scotch and enormous Opinion of my friend Boswell, that no Man but a Blockhead ever wrote except for Money.

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An Arts Council exhibition on the life of Dr Johnson is being held at 105 Piccadilly.

### Bernard Levin goes Rococo

## Cherubbing shoulders in the curly queue



'The Invitation to Mira', a mid-eighteenth century song sheet on show at the V & A exhibition

over with swashes and curlicues, flowers and leaves, it has as supporters a pair of sylvan lovers, in the bottom right-hand corner there is a dog. It is full of energy doomed to sputter out but immensely exhilarating while it lasts; it makes clear why "Rococo" was originally a term of ridicule, executed in silver, and not too large, it would go nicely on the mantelpiece but would need a devil of a lot of dusting.

If you are still lost, look at item N26, illustrated on page 210. It is a design for a printed textile; the design is called simply "Birds", but it is no use trying to count the number of birds in it, because you will get a different answer each time. Meanwhile, however, the print positively quivers as you look at it, its exuberance so bold and confident that it triumphs at once over its own absurdity and becomes positively touching; there is no indication in the catalogue note of what use the textile might have been put to, but if it was a dress, the wearer would have to be quite extraordinarily fat.

What is surprising, at any rate to my eye, is the vast range of subjects infected by this style, far wider, I think, than could be said of the

Under the rubric "France in England", there is a curiosity well worth spending a few minutes on; item C23 is "The badge of the Antiquarian Society", of which body I confess I had never heard until now, though I am sure it can be deduced from the principal motif of the enamel badge, which is St George on horseback sticking a spear into the French flag. The catalogue note says the society was founded (in 1745 or thereabouts) "to oppose the insidious Arts of the French Nation", a most robust Hogarthian aim; no doubt the Prime Minister, should he eye fall on these words, will cause discreet enquiries to be made as to whether the society is still in existence, and if so what the annual subscription is.

Music plays gently over the scale model of Vauxhall Gardens; difficult enough as it is to distinguish confidently Baroque from Rococo in physical objects, it is a lot harder to tell the two apart in music. The great Percy Scholes (whose *Oxford Companion*—companion indeed of my youth—has only just been supplanted by the new version in two huge, comprehensive and handsome volumes edited by Denis Arnold) would have no truck with such faint French music; he says crisply of Rococo that "in ordinary English usage this means 'tastefully florid', or something of that kind", and under Baroque tells us even more crisply that "Bunbury... gives its equivalents as 'coarse and uncouth', though he does have the grace to add this sense is now discarded". But styles so pervasive as these cannot possibly have failed to penetrate music as well, and certainly music chosen for this exhibition (I can find no reference to it in the catalogue) seems to fit well.

Nobody would call the V & A either Baroque or Rococo (though I cannot for the life of me imagine what it should be called); on the other hand, the only difficulty with its Director is deciding whether he is Late Baroque or Early Rococo (some say he is Gothic Revival, but I do not find the arguments for this theory convincing). He has been making gloomy noises for some time about this being the last really comprehensive exhibition the V & A will be able to afford, but I don't believe it, and don't even believe I am supposed to. But, if it is, it will make a magnificent finale, on which he and all his staff and contributors are to be heartily congratulated; the exhibition, which continues until the end of September, is full of life, wit, beauty and exuberance; I cannot imagine a couple of hours better spent than at it.

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Diana Geddes

## Why Marchais could return

Paris  
The past month has witnessed a period of political turbulence certain to leave an indelible mark on French history, though in what form is as yet unclear.

Eyes are firmly fixed on the 1985 parliamentary elections. The Socialists, now on their own and with only 21 per cent of electoral support, if the European elections are to be believed, will have to find some magical formula if they are to remain in power.

After the Communists left his government, it was thought that President Mitterrand might make a bid for the centre. His nomination of Laurent Fabius as prime minister seemed to confirm that theory.

But the new cabinet, with its predominance of familiar faces and the significant introduction of two left-wingers, Jean-François Chevenement and Pierre Joxe, has again confounded the commentators.

The month of drama began with the June 17 European elections, when the Communist vote fell to its lowest level in 50 years. At the same time, the extreme right staged a spectacular breakthrough, the National Front obtaining 11 per cent of the vote, the same as the Communists.

A week later, in the country's biggest demonstration since the war, more than a million people marched through Paris in protest at the alleged government threat to private, predominantly Catholic, schools.

With the opposition getting the upper hand, Mitterrand had to make a spectacular gesture to capture the imagination of the electorate and put the government back on the offensive. It came on July 12, the day after he returned from an official visit to Jordan, when he announced on television that he was to call a referendum—not on private schools, which he would almost certainly have lost, but on his proposal to extend the use of referenda to cover questions of fundamental civil liberties. It was totally unexpected and seen as a brilliant political coup.

The opposition had long advocated an extension of the use of the referendum and looked as if it would be compelled to support the proposal, even though it would help restore the left's traditional image as the defender of civil liberties, which under the Socialists have nosed.

But the opposition seized upon the implied extension of presidential powers in Mitterrand's proposal and

began a "vote no" campaign. The Communists and even some Socialists expressed disquiet.

On Tuesday, less than a week after Mitterrand's referendum announcement, Alain Savary, the minister responsible for the disavowed private schools bill, decided to resign. Pierre Mauroy, the prime minister, who had supported Savary on the bill and who knew that his days were anyway numbered, seems to have felt, without rancour, that from everyone's point of view there should be a complete change of government.

Within hours of the announcement of M Savary's resignation, the country was amazed to hear that the 37-year-old Fabius had replaced Mauroy as prime minister.

Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, immediately flew back from a holiday in Romania for an emergency meeting of the politburo. Talks were held with Fabius, who offered the Communists four new posts in his government, but not the assurances they were seeking on a change of economic policy. After an all-night meeting, the party's central committee announced that the Communists had decided to support the government.

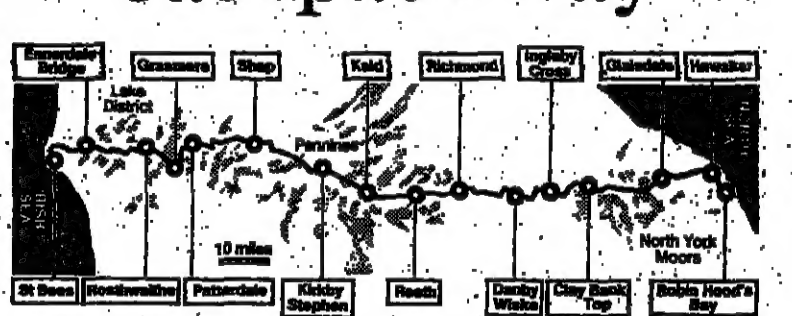
The divorce had seemed likely since the government introduced its policy of economic rigour in March 1983. But it still took a lot of agonized heart-searching before the final decision was taken. Many Communists remember how cold it can be outside the hypocrisy of the Communists' position of "recipitation without support" and become too blatant. Communist voters wanted something more honest.

Nevertheless the door has been left ajar for a possible eventual return. The Communists have said the would consider it if the conditions were right. In the meantime, they will support those measures which they approve, probably, in the present political climate very few, and their departure will almost certainly mean increased trouble on the industrial front from the Communist-led CGT union group.

The government is in for a rough ride over the next two years. The economy is just beginning to show signs of recovery, but the industrial modernization programmes are starting to take their toll, in compulsory redundancies, and unemployment is rising fast. Mitterrand is unlikely to survive beyond 1986 without a reconsecration of the union of the left.

Alan Franks

## Backtracking, the backpack way



If you have a spare fortnight and a stout pair of boots, head for St Bees on the Cumbrian coast and go east, in the steps of the redoubtable Alfred Wainwright, until you hit the North Sea. When at length you trundle down into the crowded claque of houses at Robin Hood's Bay, six miles south of Whitby, you will have strode 190 glorious miles along Britain's most scenic but least-sung footpaths.

For this is the collarbone of England, traversing the long and frequently boring Pennine breastplate, and yoked across the island's right and left shoulders of the Lake District and North Yorkshire.

It has everything that a walker may ask of a walk, including that most prized commodity of relative obscurity. Yet I am unapologetic in writing about it for I know that Mr Wainwright, our most determined proselytizer of the far fall and its footways, will forgive me—as will his growing infamy of ensuers.

Almost all of the marathon paths which have been established in the footprints of the Pennine Way have had the official sanction of the Countryside Commission—Offa's Dyke, South West Pennine, Ridgeway, North Downs, South Downs and so on. Wainwright and his book, therefore, both as anti-ding-dong as it is possible for guides to be, carry the promise of improvisation and even, within the constraints of the by-laws, the prospect of some modest pioneering.

It was in 1972 that Wainwright finally got around to doing the walk. The result, as with all his other wanderings, was a book of painstaking exactitude and madden droleries. Now, at the age of 71, he has more than 40 titles to his credit, printed by the publishers of his local paper *The Westmorland Gazette*, from photos of his own handwritten manuscripts.

On each page are his famous line-drawings of the crags, vistas and man-made landmarks along the route, together with his own section-maps of the path, which all but take the walker by the hand, mile after mile, stile after stile. These are the individual stitches which slowly thread you across the North's broad and rumpled quilt.

As Adam Nicolson explains in his book, *Long Walks*, Wainwright's route is the best as it runs against England's grain. "It seems to re-align the country, as if the island had been tipped on its side, like Crete or Java, the whole thing is seen as if from space, as a journey across a mental map."

three national parks—the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors—and only once succumbs seriously to the tarmac, over the broad and boring cereal tray of Mowbray between the Pennines and the Cleveland Hills. "Left right, left right," scribbles Wainwright, as if to pre-empt your impatience.

Along the route I met many walkers who, with the little volume in hand, agreed it was the next best thing they could imagine to travelling with Wainwright in person. Not just because he writes: "100 miles, yipped" when you pass the Old Gang Mines to the west of Reeth, but because he keeps you—literally and tersely—in the picture, as the landscape advances and retreats with that peculiarly English suddenness.

He might be explaining the natural features, or all the various evidence of man's activity now laid low—the splatter of mining spoil above Sowerby Bridge, the grassy loops of defunct railway around Rosedale, or the flooded village of Mardale. The walkers knew they would have to content themselves with the Wainwright-substitute, for the man himself is famously private, often happier in the company of his fells than of his fellows.

Here—from the southern fastness of an office block 250 miles away—I confess to a piece of hubris the height of Helvellyn. You did the walk the wrong way, Mr Wainwright—sir. You should have gone west.

I know that your route means we get the weather at our backs and not on our faces; I know that Cumbria's peaks are hard-won by weary legs and thus better for starters. The trouble is that the Lakes are unrumpled, in the same sense as the eastward passage is downhill all the way. The unpeopled sweep of North-east Yorkshire's heather moors is a fine enough proposition, but for a walker who just a week previously was all but airborne on Striding Edge, gliding down to Patterdale, there is an element of anti-climax.

To invert the Wainwright route, of course, I had at times to do likewise with his book so that his maps would point the right way. I also had to read the sentences in reverse order. I must have looked an absurd sight, particularly in the small intricacies of Mowbray's byways, squinting at an upside-down handbook at every crossroad. But I am unrepentant; whether you are with or against Wainwright, the verb which should be dedicated to him (to coast-to-coast) offers a grand prospect, whatever way you read him.





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## ULTIMATE VALUES

Rational debate on the issues so far rationally debated by the Warnock report eventually comes to a full stop. The members of the committee itself, who were rightly selected from among those who retained relatively open minds on the subject, found in the end that it was so for them, and some found that they had no alternative but to write notes of dissent. This is no evidence of failure on the committee's part, and perhaps the remarkable thing is that the area of dissent was as small as it is. As the report wisely warns, "matters of ultimate value are not susceptible of proof" and the ethical questions raised by the subject touch areas where each individual has his own irreducible and deeply-held feelings about the duty we owe one another.

For this reason the Government is right not to be falling over itself in haste to legislate in general on Warnock's recommendations. Perhaps unexpectedly, the report itself warns against too early implementation. Public opinion is still feeling its way towards a consensus, and it needs to go further before an attempt should be made to fix it in statute. One of the most important functions of the report, which is clear and easy to read, should be to create a fuller knowledge of the possibilities and dispel some anxieties based on fantasy. But society will never agree completely, any more than the committee could, and the law as it stands simply fails to envisage many of the situations that science has now made possible. Legislation will be needed before too long, and the recommendations of the majority Warnock report are likely to represent the best summary of what will prove acceptable.

The deepest question which divided the committee was over experiments on embryos. Given that it is now possible to fertilise, store and implant embryos, some of which will be surplus to

the primary purpose (acceptable to most, but not all) of enabling infertile couples to have children genetically their own, is it acceptable to use the surplus embryos in experiments which can be of great benefit to medicine? One minority on the committee broke away at this point, effectively rejecting much of the preliminary work these techniques are based on.

If that is acceptable, then is it right to bring embryos into being specifically for research? Another minority broke away here. Somewhere further down the line, most of the rest of us will feel that it is wrong to exploit the unborn human individual, however great a good may follow. There is no logic to settle these disagreements definitively. Even the moment of fertilisation, the strongest contender as the starting-point for the individual, produces an entity which may still develop into one individual or several. Balancing the general good against the reverence due to the potential for human growth, the majority favoured a fourteen-day limit, based on the first signs of structural development. This appears satisfactory: the limit should certainly come before appearance of a rudimentary nervous system at about six weeks after fertilisation.

The committee's most important recommendation is for a permanent body to monitor and licence procedures and to advise the Government on developments. In a field of rapid change, this would reassure the public that no sanctioned Frankensteinian horrors are brewing in their laboratories, and it would respond to changes in public opinion in a way that statute could not. It should be given the widest discretion to advise on changes in the law, and its membership should be such as to ensure that it cannot fall into the hands either of insatiable researchers or of opponents prepared to paralyse the system because it offends their own principles.

Public opinion does change faster than it is sometimes given credit for. Custom can sometimes easily make it used to what seemed unacceptable only a few years before. It is difficult to say in retrospect whether the sharp changes in received opinion about AID and abortion over the years showed that the pundits were out of touch with underlying feelings, or that familiarity can make some people used to almost anything, probably a bit of both. But in the light of our current ethical perceptions it is right to seek to inhibit trends that may shift opinion in directions which seem undesirable. One case of that kind provides the only instance where quick legislation on Warnock proposals might be worthwhile.

There is a real risk that surrogate motherhood arranged through organised agencies may be on the edge of rapid growth in Britain. Sympathy for the plight of childless couples might make the development seem tolerable. The practice is in some forms something that people can and will do whether it is legal or not, and it would be wrong to punish or obstruct medical care to those directly involved. But as an organised transaction it should be discouraged, because of the insecurity of the child's position, because the hiring of sexual services of any kind is repugnant, and because the practice is likely to grow if people have a financial interest in promoting it. Even on an ostensibly non-profit basis, the sanction of respectability would be an encouragement. Certainly surrogate contracts should be made unenforceable and all disputes settled in relation to the interests of the child. There will be some hard cases if many doctors with opinions like those of Mr Robert Winston in the case reported this week proved ready to defy a new criminal law. But as public opinion stands at present, there is a strong case for legislation to rule out such aid, dangerous in its consequences however kind its motives.

## THE DEMOCRATS' DECISION

The past week in San Francisco has been a triumph for Mr Mondale, a festival for his party - in some measure - a relief well as light relief for the allies of the United States. The first characterizations are self-evident. Mr Mondale will make the most of his chances of defeating an incumbent president, the addition of Mrs Ferraro makes the ticket still. At their convention the Democrats displayed again the amazing syncretism of American party politics, that instinctive reaching out to embrace the most disparate elements under a single broad banner.

For the interest of the Western Alliance, we have to look beneath the convention's rhetoric to the steady rejection, thanks to the Mondale machine, of all but the vaguest commitments on foreign policy. Mr Mondale enters the lists unencumbered by any dangerous promises on the use of nuclear weapons or the deployment of armed forces overseas; the worryingly isolationist voice of Mr Hart has been temporarily silenced. Except on the issue of defence expenditure itself, Mr Mondale is separated from the President much more by style than substance. He certainly would not come to high office in November with the reflexes of Mr Carter, perhaps that link with Hubert Humphrey and the

Johnson years which makes Mr Mondale such a vulnerable figure on issues of domestic spending counts in his favour in appraising his likely instincts in pursuing the interests of the West overseas.

Yet how likely is Mr Mondale to win? The spectral appearance in San Francisco of Mr Carter was a reminder less of the former president's failures in office (with which Mr Mondale must be tainted) than of the Democrats' lack of a southern strategy beyond the mobilization of the Black vote. The Democratic Cassandra point knowingly to Mr Mondale's startling weakness in such pivotal states as Texas; defeat there would crystallize the shift of economic power and population to the Sunbelt, and would have important consequences for the shape of the Democratic coalition to be put together in 1988.

Votes in the electoral college will reflect not only geography but also the Democrats' continuing association with what the Americans graphically call Big Government. The tide of popular sentiment which swept the United States (and washed these shores too) in the later 1970s against the expense and intrusiveness of government has by no means completed its course. The very lack of dramatic change during the Reagan years reinforces the misgivings many Americans still feel about the scale of federal government.

Where does Mr Mondale stand? The elements of the classic Democratic coalition he now leads - the blacks, the poor, the big cities, the trade unions - demand federal programmes and government intervention of one kind or another. Mr Mondale would come to Washington in the autumn pledged to Big Government, and to the taxation to pay for it.

It is a mark of President Reagan's political skill that he can both be a part of the establishment and yet retain a distance from it; he will undoubtedly run in the autumn against Big Government while conveniently ignoring the inconsistent record of his own administration on federal spending and bureaucratic regulation. He will seek to unify Americans against Washington. The essence of the New Deal, the tenets of which Mr Mondale still holds dear, was that central government would bind Americans together. Yet the promises Mr Mondale made to get to San Francisco and the domestic commitments he has made there leave him with neither of these positions. His pledges on spending (with accompanying taxes), on affirmative action (discrimination at government behest) and protective tariffs suggest the Democrats enter the election intent on using government in such a way that it is bound to divide Americans.

### Gibraltar heritage

From the Minister for Economic Development and Trade in Gibraltar: Sir, We are grateful to Brigadier Hamilton-Baillie (July 11) for drawing attention to the problems which face the Gibraltar Government in our attempts to reconcile our very genuine wish to preserve as many of the fortifications of Gibraltar which, as he says, are of world stature, with the responsibility which we must fulfil to reinvigorate and develop Gibraltar's economy in the wake of the closure of the naval dockyard and of the severe economic imbalance which the partial and discriminatory opening of the frontier by the Spanish authorities have brought upon us. (Even British tourists and residents in Spain may not enter the British territory of Gibraltar.)

The brigadier is perfectly correct in saying that tourism is important to us and that the old town and its defences are a major attraction (although we have others). On the first point, the Gibraltar Government have recently taken firm and determined decisions to develop the tourist industry, on the second point, one of the steps we have taken is to appoint a mixed official/private sector History and Heritage Committee to advise the Government on the way in which our heritage (including our natural heritage) can

be preserved, both for its own sake and for the attraction which it represents to many people in Britain and elsewhere.

The Gibraltar Conservation Society, as well as the Gibraltar Natural History and Ornithological Society, are represented, among others, on this committee. It is the intention of our Department of Tourism to apply for membership of the Fortress Study Group.

Your readers may be interested to know that plans are being prepared for a two-part Gibraltar Heritage Conference to be held here and in London, probably in February (anyone interested should contact Mr S. Alper, Chifford Hall, Linton, Cambridge a non-resident member of our History and Heritage Committee).

We share the brigadier's wish that "a better solution to the difficult car parking problem, in Gibraltar may be found". But how and where - in 2½ crowded square miles of a territory struggling to achieve economic self-sufficiency against great odds and external pressures? The dilemma therefore remains: how to reconcile the profound appeal of our heritage with the economic necessities forced upon us by decisions taken in London (on the naval dockyard) and in Madrid (on the partial opening of the frontier). We will do our best to resolve it, with the help of our

heritage committees and the heritage conference. Yours faithfully, A. J. CANEPA, Minister for Economic Development and Trade, Government Secretariat, Gibraltar, July 13.

### Child benefit proposal

From Mr John Wilson: Sir, In the generous coverage given to the new report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on the *Reform of Social Security* (report and leading article, July 12) one important point has escaped comment. The report's proposals would entail the replacement of child benefit, which goes normally to the mother, by a child benefit credit which would be paid through the pay-packet where it was paid at all. The effect is therefore a major redistribution of income from women to men.

But perhaps this will not be seen as a drawback by those who believe in the "ethic of labour and masculine responsibility" (leading article, July 3). Yours faithfully, JOHN WILSON, 39a Dulake Avenue, Russell Hill, N10, July 16.

## New bishops and canon law

From the Reverend J. D. Brown

Sir, Mr Enoch Powell may extol royal supremacy in the Church of England (report, July 18), but it is difficult to see how the Appointment of Bishops Measure would have seriously affected that already much-depleted supremacy.

It would, however, abolish the absurd anachronism of a dean and chapter being required both to elect a bishop and - choose only the Crown's nomination or face the threat of dire punishment felt necessary in more primitive medieval times.

The need to reform the system of episcopal appointments merits more constructive consideration to ensure that future bishops will be guaranteed to obey the requirement laid down by canon law "to uphold sound and wholesome doctrine and to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange opinions".

Confidence in the Crown Appointments Commission has been eroded by the controversial appointment of the new Bishop of Durham yet the authority of the Crown may still be seen as crucial in keeping the national Church true to its vocation of safeguarding and proclaiming the fundamental truths of the Christian faith to all our people.

Yours faithfully, J. D. BROWN, Westhampnett Vicarage, Chichester, West Sussex, July 19.

From the Bishop of Peterborough

Sir, I am glad that the House of Commons has refused to approve the Appointment of Bishops Measure, and for the reasons which you report (July 18) that Mr Enoch Powell gave - I hope the General Synod will think again, or rather think. So far its persistent determination to demolish, little by little, the traditions, dignity and duties of the Church of England illuminates Dr Johnson's aphorism that that which is not formed by reason cannot be destroyed by reason.

I left the General Synod at York last week with a sense of relief and thankfulness that never in my life shall I have to attend a synod again and this was some comfort to my sadness concerning my imminent retirement.

The Synod suffers from that conceit which corrupts conscience. Some of its members imagine that the Synod owns the dioceses and parishes of England; that it can meddle with and mutilate the claims that the Church of England has always made that it holds the essentials of Catholic faith, tradition and order; that it can contain within its own strangled sentences the whole counsel of God.

It feeds itself like a parasite, upon the parishes, who, willy-nilly, pay for it; and it has produced a new sort of ecclesiastical politician, whose only salvation is that it should swiftly be made both sadder and wiser. Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS PETRIBURG, The Palace, Peterborough, July 18.

### Penetrating security

From Mr W. Stephenson: Sir, I write as the stepson of Alister Watson, who has been publicly accused of being a Soviet spy in Monday's Granada World in Action television programme - by an MIS agent, Mr Peter Wright.

I wish to protest most strongly at the public pillorying of my stepfather who, having recently died, is in no position to refute these untrue and unjust accusations. Anybody who knew my stepfather as a did for over 30 years, will understand how ridiculous these allegations are. There is the real world and the fantasy world of certain disaffected members of MIS.

A lot has been said recently about the need for security and confidentiality in Government and, for example, at GCHQ. Yet over the last 10 years we have been treated to an unrelenting stream of leaks to the press about the affairs of MIS, which ought surely to be the most secure of Government agencies.

What action has been taken over the people responsible for these breaches of confidentiality and of secrecy? And will Mrs Thatcher, as the minister with direct responsibility for the secret service, see that justice is done to people who, being dead, are unable to defend themselves or have recourse to the laws of the land?

Yours sincerely, W. STEPHENSON, 157 Lynton Road, Harrow, Middlesex, July 16.

### Fire at York Minster

From Mr Anthony Massey

Sir, Miss Massey and Miss Eytan are surely wrong to suggest (July 17) that the Government should not help finance the restoration of York Minster.

I visited the minster today. Inside, the strong smell of woodsmoke still hung in the air. The huge choir which the building still possesses is disturbed by the sound of hammering, as work on the south transept gables commences.

Giving money to help has nothing to do with saving consciences. To assist in the restoration of this graceful and inspiring building, which has borne witness to Christian love and faith for centuries, is a very proper course for governments - and individuals.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY MASSEY, 20 Orchard Rise, Groveside, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, July 18.

## Bail conditions for striking miners

From Mr Michael D. Varcoe-Cocks

Sir, In a letter (July 19) which is clearly in support of striking miners rather than in condemnation of an alleged general practice by the Nottinghamshire magistrates Lord Gifford, QC, and others subtly paraphrase the provisions of the Bail Act and make no reference to other provisions which protect those they support and/or represent.

The Bail Act provides that the court may require an accused to comply with such requirements as appear to the court to be necessary to secure that he surrenders to custody, does not commit an offence on bail, does not interfere with witnesses etc. This is not the same as Lord Gifford's statement that the imposition of conditions is appropriate only if it is believed that the person would fail to surrender to custody etc.

Lord Gifford makes no reference to the possibility of applying to the magistrates for the conditions of bail to be varied or of appealing against the magistrates' decisions.

We may hope that even Lord Gifford would admit that offences have been committed at the mass pickets at which miners have been arrested. The "usual condition of bail" has been imposed, we may presume, to secure that those who have been charged do not commit an offence on bail, pending the hearing of each case to decide on guilt or innocence.

The courts and the statutes presume innocence; interestingly, Lord Gifford refers to the policy of the courts and police as being designed "not to prevent further crime being committed..." (my

emphasis) whereas the words of the statute are "does not commit an offence".

Yours faithfully, M. D. VARCOE-COCKS, 3 Onslow Court, Drayton Gardens, SW10, July 19.

From Mr A. D. R. Holland

Sir, Lord Gifford's letter (July 19) completely ignores the enormous sums now being placed on the Nottinghamshire magistrates by Mr Arthur Scargill and his storm-troopers.

Our system of magistrates assumes a widespread observance of the law. It cannot function effectively in a situation involving an orchestrated campaign to breach the peace in a narrow area.

With typical common sense, the magistrates appear to have decided to contain the problem by a sensible interpretation of the Bail Act, leaving open, presumably, a defendant's option to appeal bail conditions to a higher court, whilst endeavouring to prevent the accused from getting into deeper trouble.

I would suggest that Lord Gifford and his fellow lawyers would be doing a greater service to their miner clients if they dropped this silly legal quibble and, instead, used all their undoubted talents to persuade Mr Scargill to observe all the laws and not just those that happen to suit him on a particular day.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY D. R. HOLLAND, Windlesham Manor, Windlesham, Surrey.

### Summer of discontent

From Professor Frank Musgrove

Sir, Your timely leading article (July 12) touches fundamentals. It is only in underestimating Scargill and the power of unreason.

Scargill is in fact far more dangerous, amoral and powerful than Mosley ever was. Mosley did not effectively control a key sector of the economy. Nor did he lead men of such elemental passions and limited education and understanding.

The NCB has shown quite astonishing naivety. Letters to miners and big advertisements addressed to them in the press assume not only that miners read but that they understand such words as "economic" and "environment". They do not. Their conceptual range does not extend much beyond "scab".

The present strike is a terrible indictment of our educational system, which leaves very simple and unlettered men at the mercy of

unscrupulous manipulators. Formerly all the boys in a mining village went down the pit, including some of great intellectual gifts; for the past thirty years only C and D-stream pupils have gone that way. D-stream "sex mods" make excellent cannon fodder in politico-industrial wars of attrition.

No man should work down a pit. We must hasten the day when there are virtually no miners left and mining is, as far as is humanly possible, automated. It is precisely modernization towards this (genuinely humane) end that Scargill resists.

And now all the claptrap about "communities": nobody who has actually lived in an isolated mining village could wish to preserve it all its narrowness and intolerance.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, FRANK MUSGROVE, Fin Cop, Moody Sty Lane, Grassington, North Yorkshire, July 12.

### 'Bias' at the OU

From Professor R. C. Smith

Sir, May I make one correction to your commendable leader about the Open University (July 9)? It is misleading to say that "the OU's financing has already been settled up to and including 1986". What the university has been informed about are provisional advance indications of grants for 1985 and 1986, which the DES describe as "significant reductions on level funding" and which are to be reviewed in the course of the annual public expenditure survey.

The university has registered its concern about the level of these indicated provisional allocations, and hopes to persuade the Secretary of State that they should be increased, since if they are implemented they will seriously damage the university and the provision made for its students.

Yours faithfully, R. C. SMITH, Acting Vice-Chancellor, The Open University, Walton Hall, Walton, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, July 9.

### Prisoners of gender

From Mr Rollo Myers

Sir, Queen Victoria had been on her throne for 55 years when I was born and a large part of my life has been spent in France. I was therefore with great interest that I perused the article by John P. Harris (July 16) in his Paris diary column entitled "Prisoners of gender".

The French language, of course, is one of the most subtle and refined of all European tongues, despite its relatively limited vocabulary (compared, for example with our own; but for the foreigner it is full of snares. Therefore I cannot agree with what your correspondent had to say about genders, the absence of which in our own language often leads to clumsy circumlocutions.

How much simpler, for example, it would be to be able to say, as in French, the equivalent of *mon cousin* or *ma cousine* instead of having to state their Christian names specifically in order to define their sex. And when Mr Harris actually suggests making the feminine the "normal gender" - whatever that may mean - he is really going too far. He does not seem to realize that it can be neuter (as in "il pleut"), but *elle* never.

Yours faithfully, ROLLO MYERS, Bernard's Gate, 22 Lavant Road, Chichester, West Sussex, July 16.

### Wigan market

From Mr Henry Tennant

Sir, The decision of local government in Wigan to demolish their thriving market hall in the name of urban regeneration invites ridicule and contempt. A much loved institution in the town, it provides a vital centre of employment and local cultural identity that no shopping centre could ever hope to match. It is a home to 200 independent companies which promotes entrepreneurship and an acronym for self-reliance, valued qualities which are lost in retail outlet chains.

There is no excuse for local and central government to continue in the arrogance that they are a better judge of how the local environment should be shaped as opposed to the wishes of the people themselves - 50,000 of them in this case. Mr Jenkin would earn some much needed support in the North-west if he put an end to this farce.

Yours faithfully, HENRY TENNANT, 55 Ledburn, Ashurst, Sharncliffe, Lancashire, July 12.

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### Never-never land

From Mr B. R. W. Goffon

Sir, If you draw a line on the map roughly south-west from Fley until it reaches Middleton-on-the-Wolds after passing by Roston Parva, you will find that it goes straight through Twining. Fifty or sixty years ago this village was by some in the area (particularly, perhaps, on the coast), pronounced "Twing", and it would have been hotly denied that there was no such place.

I have been waiting for someone living in those parts to write and say that Twing survives to this day, but Twining seems to sit more happily with neighbouring Kirby Gradyth, Foxholes, Fridaythorpe, Fimber and Wetwang.

Yours faithfully, B. R. W. GOFFON, Ruffside, 34 Grove Road, Havant, Hampshire, July 17.

### Dressage to music

From Mr George Speaight

Sir, While wishing Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Courage every success in turning themselves into the Torville and Dean of dressage, (sports feature, July 3) one must make the point that dressage to music is nothing new.

Philip Astley produced a cotillion with eight mounted horsemen at the Olympics in 1806, and by the last decades of the nineteenth century *haute école* in the circus had reached such a peak of perfection that the Baron de Vaux could write of Anna Fillis that "equitation is for her no longer a science but an art. No man who is susceptible to those two great seductions, the woman and the horse, could have before his eyes a more adorable spectacle."

The insensitivity of the GLC and some other local authorities in banning circuses with animal acts from the grounds they control is depriving us of the pleasure of admiring *haute école* in the place where it can be best appreciated, the circus ring.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE SPEAIGHT, 6 Maze Road, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

## Stopping up holes in safety net

From the Leader of Social Services of the Salvation Army

Sir, It would be terribly easy to draw the wrong conclusions from the story described in *The Times* (July 20) by Richard Gott and Jorgen Saunte if one is restricted only to the facts given.

The man described in the letter is now, sadly, dead. He died in Westminster Hospital last Tuesday, following a heart attack. Our officers from the Great Peter Street hostel were with him when he died, for they had long acquaintance with him and had kept him for long periods without remuneration in the hostel to try and help him.

On the day he was brought to our hostel at 11pm by the couple who found him in Piccadilly he had discharged himself from Westminster Hospital, where he was receiving treatment for a gangrenous leg. Indeed, in the previous fortnight he had discharged himself from hospital three times.

He was a 64-year-old man, perhaps looking much older because of a serious drink problem, which he frequently drank and difficult to manage.

The practice in our hostels is not to admit people after 10pm, when the duty officer goes to bed, unless they are referrals from officers or the police who phone in. The security man who answered the door at 11pm would no doubt have related this policy to the callers.

The reason for the policy is to safeguard those who are already asleep in the hostel and as a precautionary measure for our staff in these days of indiscriminate violence. Most vagrants wanting accommodation for the night know that they have to seek it early in the evening.

The security man at our hostel actually recognised the man with the couple and saw that whilst he was not "excessively inebriated", he showed sufficient signs of drunkenness to become a problem to others sleeping in the hostel, as he had so often been in the past.

Perhaps the Church Army's reluctance to admit him was related to this factor.

If advice is wanted from people who do care deeply about some of the drop-outs in our society and who know the difficulties of managing them, it would be that, if dissatisfied with the answer from the security man at the door, they should ask to speak to the duty officer, who can then make a judgment on the matter.

With his experience he could well give reasons why admission to the hostel could not be granted, or just there and then decide to take the person in.

Yours sincerely, ROY LOVATT, Leader of Social Services, The Salvation Army, 101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4 July 20.

### Highly rated

From Mr Peter Martin

Sir, I am a recent first-time house buyer. A 2 per cent rise in mortgage interest rates will increase my interest payments by as much as my entire rates bill from the high-spending London Borough of Haringey. How can Mr Lawson say that "nothing has gone wrong"?

Yours faithfully, PETER MARTIN, 83 Bessford Road, N8, July 12.

### No musical chairs

From the Chairman of the London Symphony Orchestra

Sir, The photographic session which took place with Mr Mark McCormack and the LSO on the Barbican concert platform was no secret to the Barbican, contrary to your Diary statement of July 4, and in fact they recommended the photographer.

Secondly, no one has been approached by anyone in the LSO for the position of general manager and this will remain the case until all the enquiries are in from our advertisements.

Thirdly, I did fly to Vienna last month to invite Mr Lorin Maazel to conduct some concerts with the LSO in the Barbican and we are delighted that he has accepted. Your inference that "a straight swap could be in the offing" as music director between Mr Abbado and Mr Maazel is a mile from the mark, as it is well known that Mr Abbado last year signed a new five-year contract with the LSO as music director.

Finally, at no time has there been a meeting with Mr Ian Macleay, of the RPO, at which the possibility of the RPO taking over as the Barbican resident orchestra was aired.

Yours sincerely, ANTHONY CAMDEN, Chairman, London Symphony Orchestra, Barbican Centre, Barbican, EC2, July 12.

### Flag of inconvenience

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Mr Douglas B. Hague asks (July 14) how he should fashion a Jolly Roger.

The famous flag of piracy ("skull and crossbones") represents, fairly conventionally, a human skull over two crossed bones. The bones are closest in size and proportion to the humeri (upper arm), but are in the position of the forearms when the arms are crossed over the chest with the tips of the fingers resting on the shoulders.

Mr Hague will find a full description of the Jolly Roger, and an illustration of it, in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* (vol II, p. 1220).

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ROOM, 173 The Canevas, Petersfield, Hampshire, July 14.





## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
July 20: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning visited The Prince's Trust Camp 1984 at Badbury Rings, near Wimborne, Dorset.  
His Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Roycroft, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
July 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited the Factory of Poll and Whitney Windows Limited at Watton, Bedford.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

**YORK HOUSE**  
July 20: The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees at the University of Leeds.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Napier, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Princess Alexandra will attend the 15th annual festival dinner of the Primers' Charitable Corporation at Grosvenor House on October 24.

### Luncheons

**Shipwrights' Company**  
The Shipwrights' Company held its annual court meeting at Trinity House on Thursday. The Prime Warden, Mr J. E. Neary, presided and was assisted by Warden, Alderman and Sheriff Mr. J. Charver, Mr D. B. Kimber, Rear Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles and Mr G. R. Newman. Viscount Runciman of Doxford and other past Prime Wardens and assistants to the Court were present. Members of the Court afterwards lunched at Trinity House with their ladies.

**Anglo-Colombian Society**  
Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, was guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at the Institute of Directors to commemorate the National Day of Colombia. The guests were received by the Colombian Ambassador, president, and Señora de Espinosa and Mr T. E. Rogers, chairman, and Mrs Rogers.

### Dinners

**Flintshire Company**  
Mr Donald Brown, Master of the Flintshire Company, presided at a dinner held at the Upper Warden, Mr Peter Steer, and the Renter Warden, Mr Martin Caroe, at a Court of Assistants' dinner held at Ironmongers' Hall yesterday. The guests included the Masters of the Carman's, Farriers' and Carpenters' Companies.

**Primrose League**  
Lord Morton of Lindsaf, Chancellor of the Primrose League, accompanied by Lady Morton, was the principal guest of the Evening branch of the league at the centenary dinner held last night at the Bellhouse Hotel, Beaconsfield. Mr Ronnie Polleyman presided.

### Birthdays

**TODAY:** Mr P. A. Allaire, 46; Sir Nigel Brookes, 50; Mr Basil Gray, 80; Sir Cyril Hawker, 84; Sir Kirby Laing, 68; Dr Jonathan Miller, 50; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, 69; Mr Julian Pettifer, 49; Sir David Piper, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir Stuart Pringle, 56; Mr Karl Reisz, 58; Mr Isaac Stern, 64.

**TOMORROW:** Mr Dennis Arncliffe, 86; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, 72; Brigadier Lorne Campbell of Airds, VC, 82; Group Captain Hugh Dundas, 64; Mr Bryan Forbes, 58; Mr Jimmy Hill, 56; Major-General Sir Douglas Keir, 74; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, 54; Professor J. S. Mitchell, 75.

### Bradfield College

The Warden and Council of Bradfield College announce the appointment of Mr Peter Smith as headmaster. Mr Smith, who is at present a housemaster at Rugby School, will take office at the beginning of the Summer Term 1985 on the retirement of the present headmaster, Mr Anthony Quirk.

### Memorial service

**Judge Mytett QC**  
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr M. C. Blair, Administrator of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, at a memorial service held for Judge Mytett, QC, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Thursday. Canon James Fenton officiated, assisted by the Rev Ronald Lloyd. Father Richard Redmond read the lesson and Judge Lord QC, read from the "Tempest". Judge Irvine, representing the presiding judges of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, gave an address.

### Science report

## Search for intelligent life in space enters new era

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The quest for intelligent life in remote parts of the universe is about to enter its second stage of exploration. A systematic search which began 25 years ago, has revealed new evidence that developed life forms exist elsewhere, although it has identified molecules which could provide the building blocks of higher organisms on some suitable planet.

Armed with additional information, the new programme is planned for two observatories continuously scanning the heavens with detectors a million times more sensitive than those available a few years ago. The new experiments, devised by teams working with Dr Philip Morrison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dr Gerasimos Contopoulos were formulated at a meeting at Boston University recently when astronomers who had conducted the previous searches examined proposals for improved methods.

At that meeting a new green was formed with the approval of the International Astronomical Union, thereby giving a scientific respectability to the search for extraterrestrial life often referred to as the SETI project.

Efforts to seek other intelligence began in 1959 when Morrison and Cocconi, then at Cornell University, suggested that civilizations trying to establish contact with each other would probably attempt it with a radio link working at 21 centimetres, based on the radiation given off by free atoms of hydrogen, the most common element in the universe. Signals beamed to a regular pattern would, according to this theory, be understood.

Since their proposals 45 search projects have been started, and a number of them are still focused on the wavelength. In the new exploration a more systematic survey of the sky will be made with a range of radio frequencies and detectors that can monitor several hundred thousand channels simultaneously.

# The good, subversive theologian

The beliefs of physicists, whose dazzling mathematical and experimental achievements equip them with a particular vision of the fundamental structures of time and space, are sharply discontinuous with common sense perception of places and things. There is a "gap" between the physicist's beliefs and our own. This does not greatly disturb us because, while we work with the tools which the scientist's adventures make possible, his theoretical activities have little apparent impact on our daily lives.

There is also a "gap" between the beliefs of political leaders and shapers of sophisticated opinions and the beliefs of many who occupy the social rank and file. You have not got to be black, or poor, or elderly, or Mrs Mary Whitehouse, to find your perception of British society, and your diagnosis of its needs, sharply at variance with the views both of our governors and of those who set the tone of social and cultural debate.

It is often claimed, and the claim was reiterated during the debates attending the Bishop of Durham's consecration, that there is a dangerous "gap" between the views of academic theologians and the convictions of the person in the pew. If there is such a gap, is it more like that between the expert and the layman, or like that between the leaders and those they seek to lead?

In my experience, most academic theologians do not regard themselves as church leaders, and I believe that in this they are correct. The

theologian, in these days of unavoidable if dangerous specialization, knows quite a lot about very few things. Like many other "experts" however, they are tempted (when you put them on television) to give the impression, wittingly or unwittingly, that their range of expertise is far wider than it is, in fact, the case.

Theologians are boffins, but a queer kind of boffin because their own integrity and self-understanding are continually tested and challenged by the very matter of their investigations. The first reason why the analogy between the theologian and the scientist breaks down is that, though they share (or should share) a common passion for disinterestedness, the theologian, unlike the scientist, does not possess privileged knowledge of the object of his or her inquiry. Whether at Bethlehem or Gerusalem, the theologian, like any other Christian, removes his shoes, knowing himself shrouded by the mystery of grace by ineffable and agory and by the uncontrollable surplus of divine affection which, in such suffering and in all mundane circumstance, makes and sustains and heals us. The theologian who supposes that, because he is a theologian, he knows God better than comprehends His ways more surely than other people, is both egotist and idolater.

The second reason why the analogy breaks down is that the theologian, unlike the scientist, is not a pathfinder, a pioneer whose forays into uncharted

territory leave the main body, breathless, in the jungle, far behind. Many people (including many theologians) do thus "trail" the theologian's role, and so account for the "gap". In doing so, however, they are in my view dangerously mistaken.

The "pathfinder" image presupposes that the history of theological exploration is a history of "progress", albeit fitful. But this illusion, far from being authentically "radical", comes dangerously close to subservience to the extremely conventional and complacent assumption that the classical terms of Christian belief belong to the childhood of our culture which we have now outgrown.

Like many teachers of theology, I spend much of my time trying to disturb stereotyped assumptions concerning what was once thought and believed: trying to help students to discover that people who thought and argued in ways we now find baffling or unintelligent, less critical or less wise than ourselves. Whenever I hear someone say "until recently, Christians believed" this, that, or the other, I deem it likely that the speaker has little sense of Christian history.

As an illustration, consider the interesting fact that many contemporary non-believers, in common with Bishop Jenkins' most devout and hostile critics, appear to take it for granted that, until recently, Christians believed that Jesus, like Lazarus, was brought back to life from death, resuscitated. Whereas, in fact, from the first

century to the twentieth, Christians have commonly supposed such belief to be incompatible with faith in Christ's resurrection.

At the risk of appearing to be peddling paradox, I suggest that the element of "novelty" in Christian theology consists, in large measure, in the ever-surprising discovery that the past is more interesting and disturbing than we have taken it to be: interesting and disturbing to our present perception of our predicament.

If theologians do their work well, they will unsettle people not because they set out to shock them, but because, in good theology (like the Gospel which it seeks to make "lively" in our time and place) subverts our common preference for a quick life and our desire to have our prejudices confirmed, as fact.

Few of us welcome hostility. Theologians working in an academic milieu may be tempted to suppose that, in the measure in which they succeed in making Christianity intelligible, they will render it acceptable, whereas the opposite is more likely to be the case. I wish (but am too cowardly to want) that the "people in the pew" demanded of their theologians not a slackening of intellectual endeavour but assistance in calculating and clarifying the costs of discipleship in our culture.

Nicholas Lash  
Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University

### Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Michael McLaren and Miss C. Stacey  
The engagement is announced between Michael McLaren, only son of Lord and Lady Abercromby, of Bodmin, North Wales, and Caroline Jane, elder daughter of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir John Stacey, KCB, CBE, RAF, and Lady Stacey, of Winchester.

Captain A. J. K. Wardle and Miss M. M. Stanford  
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Captain A. J. K. Wardle, Army Air Corps, eldest son of Sir John Wardle, CBE, and Lady Wardle, of Breamore, Hampshire, and Miss M. M. Stanford, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Wood, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr A. P. Barendse and Miss S. M. E. Wood  
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Barendse, of Orpington, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Wood, of Exeter, Devon.

Dr S. Brooks-Taylor and Miss F. R. F. Parks  
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Brooks-Taylor, of Nefyn, Gwynedd, North Wales, formerly of Maldock, Derbyshire, and Fiona Rosamund Francis, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Parks, of Canberra, Australia.

Mr D. J. Clancy and Miss J. M. C. Thomas  
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs T. Clancy, of Salisbury, Surrey, and Joanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Thomas, of Bishopstoke, Sussex.

Mr N. L. McCall and Miss M. M. Freeman-Atwood  
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### Services tomorrow: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 10.30 AM**  
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## OBITUARY

### PROF KLAUS WACHSMANN

#### Recording of African music

Professor Klaus Wachsmann, who died at his home in Wiltshire on July 13 at the age of 77, was a scholar committed to exploring the nature of music, particularly African music, and a philosophical speculator of the mystery of musical perception.



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Sun and civilization: Ann Fenn-Smith  
soaks up both on an educational  
cruise from Greece to the Soviet Union.

# Waves of wisdom

## TRAVEL

One of the most celebrated Mediterranean cruises was probably on board the *Nahlin* in 1936 when Edward VIII took Mrs Simpson and a group of friends for an exuberant trip along the coast of Yugoslavia, then through the Corinth canal, back to Athens and reality.

The King had been as carefree as a child in his "spick and span little shorts". Lady Diana Cooper remembered, too, how one day when they were ashore, he had "ordered out a dinghy and set about catching a jelly-fish with a shrimp net over his shoulder and the guests all leant over the ship's side shrieking 'there's a big one, sir'".

Our homely ship, the *Orpheus*, followed some of the 1936 royal route, but we also had exciting outings to three East European countries including the Soviet Union. There was very little time for shrimp netting or walking.

A Swan Hellenic cruise is like putting yourself in the hands of an agreeable nanny, who cushions you against the real world and takes care of nasty, difficult things like foreign currencies and visas. This nanny does, however, allow you to stay up late at night and drink wine. Your only responsibility is not to drop your library book over the side or be boisterous during the lectures.

The cruise began at night, sailing from Athens. On our first morning at sea we woke to see the terracotta monasteries of Mount Athos rising through the blue-grey mist of the Aegean. No woman has ever been allowed to set foot on this holy mountain. The monks believe it is the preserve of the Virgin Mary, who is said to have landed there when she was shipwrecked on her way to Crete. They live frugally on rough bread, keep only male goats and even avoid all female fish.

Cultural anecdotes are the stuff of an educational cruise. Mr Michael MacLagan, a leading medieval and Byzantine scholar from Oxford, recited the impressions of a traveller who had met an Athos monk who fled Tsarist Russia at the time of the revolution. "He was a monument of a man - tall, strong and graceful, and occasionally his head for God flashed from him like a sword turning in the sun."

The joy of these deck lectures was being able to sunbathe and have a running commentary at the same time. Never without a Panama hat, Mr MacLagan would be in a fever of excitement as he spotted yet another monastery and then, rather like Peter O'Sullivan at Aintree, would hand us over to the ornithologist. A young Scot named Ken Shaw, he sounded more like rugby commentator Bill McLaren.

In Istanbul, we stood in the cool grandeur of the Suleymaniye mosque. The vastness of the Hagia Sophia, with its richness of silver and mosaics, was illustrated not so much by the dense and informative Swan Hellenic cruise guide book as by a sports farmer from Norfolk. When a pigeon fluttered in through one of the lunettes the square, holding up his shooting stick like a gun, cried: "By God, the bird is out of shot."

The Black Sea weather seemed cooler and the water more challenging. In Bulgaria, we visited the medieval town of Nessebur with its cobbled streets and history of being ransacked by the dreaded Bulgarian ruler Krum in 812. Krum liked to keep the skulls of his opponents as drinking cups.

Two schoolteachers from the Bronx were more interested in the kitchens of the wooden houses. "Hey, did you see that - must be a GE45", they cried, as they spotted an early fridge.

We were briefed, before we got to the Soviet Union, with a stirring lecture on the Bolshevik Revolution and the fall of the Tsar. Professor Owen Chadwick, formerly Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge, suggested, much to the relief of his conservative middle class audience, that Arthur Scargill would never make a good revolutionary "because, unlike Lenin, he is too delightfully naive".

In Odessa, "nanny" had to answer lots of questions about her charges before they were allowed ashore. Once, when John Maude QC was on board, the Russians wanted to know if he was carrying any ammunition. "Only my tongue", he replied. But as we filed off the ship into the bustling, ambiguous city of Odessa we can hardly have looked like a menacing capitalist threat. Gentle Berghemian women - you could almost smell the fresh cotton of their new, homemade Liberty print skirts - with their husbands in socks, sandals and floppy shirts, they were the sort of people you might see at a village fete.

In the handsome art gallery, a girl looking like some Soviet equivalent of a Sloane Ranger pointed out the main paintings.

Swan Hellenic Cruises run cruises between March and Christmas, at approximately fortnightly intervals. Fly from Gatwick to port of embarkation, cruise lasts 13 nights and then fly back from starting point. Cost ranges from £860 to just over £1,000. Further details from Swan Hellenic Cruises, Beaufort House, St Botolph Street, London EC3 (01-247 7552) or ABTA travel agents.



Ancient and modern: The Lion Terrace on the island of Delos, known in Greek mythology as the birthplace of Apollo; and a street cleaner at work in Yalta in the Soviet Union.



## TRAVEL NOTES

Here we have Susan and two old men", the Sionaki said of Rembrandt's "Susanna and the Elders".

We sailed round the diamond-shaped peninsula of the Crimea to Yalta to explore the nineteenth-century Vorontsov Palace at Alupka where Churchill stayed during the Yalta Conference in 1945. An *Alice in Wonderland* mixture of Gothic and Moorish architecture, the grounds are high over the Black Sea and hillsides dotted with old palaces. A stone lion with a grumpy face prompted the guide to say: "Ah, remember Big Brother is always watching you".

A mood of exhilaration - down came the hammer and sickle and up came a submarine in Yalta harbour - set in as we prepared to sail for Greece. Everyone was in childishly high spirits after their two days in the Soviet Union.

You could tell you were in Greece when you got that whiff of oregano and lemon. We had sailed to the island of Mytilene, home of the poets Alcaeus and Sappho. We drove through villages with trees weighed down with oranges and hedges bursting with pink oleander. The blue and green washed doorways of the cottages were packed with geraniums, and donkeys laden with baskets blocked the winding paths.

We recrossed the Aegean to Turkey and being in Pergamum was like being on top of a Cornish cliff with softer air and a sea like clear blue jelly. Then on to Delos, where Greek wildflowers, not quite at their peak at the end of May, were still giving Apollo's birthplace a rainbow of blues, pinks, and yellows.

For a Swan Hellenic cruise not to go to Athens, as they say, like Hamlet without the prince. We saw the Parthenon soon after dawn at the start of a lyrical day. We felt the cooling influence of Mount Hymettus famous for its honey, blue marble and striking sunsets.

The temple of Poseidon at Soumion is Land's End for sailors as they round the southernmost tip of Greece on their way home. Two academics were arguing about the authenticity of Byron's name etched in one of the tall columns - a delicious argument, resolved when one of them broke into the poet's lines about "the waves... murmurous sweep". The name of Nancy Keule from Ohio went unremarked.

That night there was a full moon as we passed through the eerie sandstone of the Corinth canal: next day past Ithaca, the island home of Odysseus, and up the turbulent Adriatic.

We sailed into Venice on a perfect early June morning. From the shore, we had a last look back at the Orpheus and thought how comfortable she seemed beside all those cheeky vaporetos and swishy gondolas. She had been our home for a fortnight and we had grown very fond of her. Goodbye Nanny.

### QE2 Standby Fares to New York £395.

Cunard is introducing Transatlantic standby fares on QE2 to and from New York this summer. Confirmation of booking is made 2 weeks before sailing and the fare includes all food and entertainment on board.

QE2 next sails to New York on July 26, then Aug 6, Aug 25. For full details, see your travel agent or contact Cunard at 8 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6NR. Tel 01-491 9550.

### QE2 TRANSATLANTIC

HOLIDAY BARGAINS									
Date	Resort	Accommodation	Rating	Sea	1 wk	2 wks	3 wks	4 wks	5 wks
10 AUG	COSTA DEL SOL	EL GEMINO	3	N/B	£175	£225	£275	£325	£375
10 AUG	COSTA DEL SOL	FUSIONA PARK	3	N/B	£180	£230	£280	£330	£380
10 AUG	COSTA DEL SOL	PRINCE ROY	3	N/B	£180	£230	£280	£330	£380
10 AUG	COSTA BRAVA/DORADA	SOLMAR 1	3	N/B	£140	£180	£220	£260	£300
10 AUG	COSTA BRAVA/DORADA	SOLMAR 2	3	N/B	£140	£180	£220	£260	£300
10 AUG	LAKE GARDA	CASTELL	3	N/B	£140	£180	£220	£260	£300
10 AUG	TENERIFE	EL CORTIJO	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	SANJOSE	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	JANUARI	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	MACAMARIA	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
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10 AUG	MAJORCA	JUCAN	4	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	LAS GARCAS	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	SISTA	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	EL PINO	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	BELLARUB	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	HERMITAGE	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	CALA BLANCA	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	BARRACUDA	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	BLUE BAY	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
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10 AUG	MAJORCA	TORRONS	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	SCORPIO/CONNY	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285
10 AUG	MAJORCA	PLAYA IMPERIAL	3	N/B	£125	£165	£205	£245	£285

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## Long-haul holidays, short-term benefits

A further growth in the number of Britons taking package holidays to long-haul destinations over the coming year was forecast this week by Kuoni, the leading operator in this sector of the market.

During the past year, long-haul holidays have shown a growth of 5 per cent, but Kuoni predicts that it is only a matter of time - albeit years rather than months - before holiday prices increase and start reflecting more accurately the extra distances and costs involved.

"It is simply not rational to pay the same £500 for a long-haul holiday as for a short-haul destination which might be four times closer to your departure point", Mr Brian Whitlam, Kuoni's marketing director, says.

Prices for long-haul holidays have been held down as a result of the world recession, which has cut leisure travel and led to airlines and hotels holding or cutting their rates in an attempt to retain as much business as possible. The boom in bookings to India, Sri Lanka, Egypt and Barbados, for example, is directly attributable to prices which are competitive with the more expensive short-haul holidays, according to Kuoni.

Meanwhile, Britain's largest tour operator, Thomson Holidays, will next week launch its first major programme of long-haul holidays to destinations in the Far East, India, East Africa, the Caribbean, Florida and South America. Prices for a holiday in Barbados will start at £499.

**Last chance**

Two villa-holiday operators have come up with special deals for summer late-bookers. American Express is offering a week's free rental of a Fiat 127 to customers taking one of its villa holidays in Sardinia between now and the end of August. Amex says this offer will save holidaymakers more than £100. Blue Arrow Holidays will give a week's free villa or apartment holiday next winter to all customers who book a full-price summer holiday of any duration in selected villas in the Algarve or Denia on the Costa Blanca, or in any of its properties in Majorca. Information from travel agents or from American Express (01-631 4242) or Blue Arrow (St Albans 69111).

British Airways is to introduce flights from Heathrow to Cape Town on September 28 with a once-weekly one-stop service.

August for only £36 per person. To qualify for this fare, a minimum of two adults must travel together, but ferry transport of a car between Harwich and Esbjerg is included in the price and one child under 16 per adult can travel free. Camping vouchers, which can be used on 15 sites in Denmark, are also included in the package.

**Tax-free zone**

One of the few tour-operating companies to offer a complete no-strings guarantee against surcharges in its newly-published 1984-85 winter programme is The Travel Club of Upminster. Most tour operators reserve the right to pass on surcharges caused by government action, such as increases in VAT or airport taxes abroad, and for the coming winter several companies have said they will pass on increases in the cost of aviation fuel. Further information from The Travel Club (Upminster 24000).

**Sail away**

Standby transatlantic fares, originally introduced by the airlines to compete with Sir Freddie Laker's Skytrain, have been extended to sailings between Southampton and New York on Cunard's QE2. The fare is a flat-rate £395 per person one-way, based on double occupancy of a cabin, and standby bookings will be confirmed at least two weeks before sailing. The cheapest normal one-way fare in the summer peak season is £805.

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**Back on schedule**

Tunis Air is to reintroduce scheduled services between Heathrow and Monastir after a gap of three years. The service will operate every Monday, starting on October 29, and the lowest excursion fare will be £165 return.

Philip Ray

Time	Destination	Time	Destination
06.00	Calais	13.10	Boulogne
06.30	Calais	13.30	Calais
07.00	Calais	14.00	Calais
07.20	Calais	14.20	Calais
07.40	Calais	14.40	Boulogne
08.00	Calais	15.10	Calais
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The Times Garden Project, Month 11

## IN THE GARDEN

## Growth points in need of scrutiny

The Times garden project in west London is now nearly one year old. No more work towards planning the garden can be done until the autumn, and routine maintenance is all that is necessary at the moment.

The dry spring has meant that none of the plants have achieved normal growth; as a result they have made less of an impact than we hoped. New plantings this past spring and winter needed water much more than established plants which had fairly deep roots.

Summer pruning of the fruit trees is called for and young trees in particular should not be allowed to make too much growth. The trees should be encouraged to make fruiting spurs and this can only be done by reducing lateral growth. Where growth has been vigorous, reduce laterals by about half their length with a sharp pair of secateurs.

The grass in the garden is growing quite strongly and needs to be encouraged. Cutting should be done as often as possible; I would suggest once a week as this does not take too much growth with each cut. Feeding should be done little and often. In the first season after sowing, I prefer to feed gently every three weeks. Feeding should only be done if the lawn is moist.

Shrubs are taking off now and it is important to keep the bushes trained so they retain an attractive shape. Evergreens need little pruning and they can be left to grow. Deciduous shrubs are different; shoots appear to go mad and grow out of character. Cut them back or remove them at source. As far as variegated shrubs are concerned, any green shoots that appear must be cut out as soon as they are seen. This is often the plant reverting to its green form, which is nearly always more vigorous than the variegated one and will in consequence grow more quickly.

Ashley Stephenson



Encouraging signs: Petunias in full flower, one of the bright spots of the first year's work

## The owner writes:

The warm and sometimes wet weather has brought out the weeds and Ashley Stephenson's warning about *Oxalis corniculata* has come home to roost. Last autumn he pointed out the weed, which looks like innocent clover, in the narrow border running down the side of the house and noted that it can spread rapidly.

It has now reached all the borders including the large rear area. It grows so easily that we are reduced to trying to check it by lifting the plant's root bulbs individually with a kitchen fork. But it seems we may be fighting a losing battle.

Hopes for a sizable apple crop have been dashed by the June drop. Almost all the apples duly fell, leaving one tree bare and a single apple on the Cox's orange pippin

and the James Grieve. However, if these two apples survive to be eaten we will still be doing much better than we anticipated when we planted them.

Many of the shrubs continue to do well but the hedges have begun to suffer under the weight of its own boughs and drooped.

All the borders show good colour with a large mixture of bedding plants and confining bloom from all the roses. When we designed the garden we decided to leave the positioning of a shed or storage box to the concrete by the side of the house. We are now having difficulty in finding anything that will fill the space which is 2ft wide. We may have to resort to some ad hoc construction to hold our tools and lawn mower.

## Growing a raspberry

This has been one of the best years for crops of raspberries. New canes are strong and healthy and they must now be given the space they require to ripen properly so that next year's fruit will be as good. It is also time to remove the weed cover if you have not done so already. Do not dig deeply as raspberries are shallow rooters and could do untold harm. All the canes which carried fruit this year should be removed.

Using a pair of secateurs cut out, as close to ground level as you can, all the canes which fruited. Pull out the cut canes carefully so as not to damage the young canes you are leaving. If you are using a framework tie them to the wires with spaces of 4-6in between them on the top wire. Make sure the wires are taut so they do not buckle under the weight of the canes. Water in and apply a general fertilizer such as Growmore to give them a boost. One fertilizer application only. Much after watering - a thick mulch close to the plants will help keep weeds down.

## Cool blue poppies

Although they are known as the blue poppies of the Far East, not all of the *Meconopsis* family are in fact blue. Much sought after as they are for their distinctive, they are unlike any other plants in their common names implies that they belong to the poppy family, *Papaveraceae*, and indeed the foliage and flowers are a little reminiscent of the more commonly grown poppies.

The main condition for successful cultivation is fine-free soil, which should be moist but not too wet. Good soil is important and although it does not have to be very rich, it should be high in humus. Most are quite hardy; they are less happy in warmer parts of the country and should be planted in as near woodland conditions as possible, where they are sheltered from drying or cold winds.

Correct planting is essential. Never deep plant the crowns of any of this family; they should be planted so that the crown of the plant is level with the surface of the soil. There are several forms. One of the best is *Meconopsis betulaefolia*. Now in flower, the rich, deep blue petals stand out from their woodland setting and under good conditions, the flowers will reach 4ft although they are usually smaller than that. Clumps can be quite big and strong. Reproduced best by division, it is possible to get seed from some suppliers (Thompson and Morgan, for example).

*M. grandis* has larger flowers than *betulaefolia*, and the blue colouring is just as intense. *Grandis* flowers a little earlier, but it conditions are right, you could get both in flower at the same time. A group known as *M. x sheldonii* are strong growers and have the biggest flowers of all. Vigorous plants, they require the same conditions and if you experience difficulty with the others, these are the ones to try.

*M. cantabrigia* is the Welsh Poppy, which is yellow and is a colonizer, so take care where you plant it.



Meconopsis grandis

## Video cassettes

## A fresh view of past triumphs

The Race For the Championship (90 min). Thames Video, £19.95. The Bradman Era (48 min). Available from Wieden Cricket Monthly, 318 Kiburn Lane, London W9, £19.95, plus 75p postage.

What these two tapes underline is that snippets of football work better on video than snippets of cricket. While it is possible to convey the essence of a football match (however misleadingly) with a couple of minutes of goals and near misses, cricket - even one-day cricket - cannot be encapsulated in the same way.

The Race For the Championship is an expert piece of encapsulation, giving the story of the 1983/84 Canon League season from the opening shots last August to Liverpool's eventual triumph a couple of months ago. Drawing on both BBC and ITV coverage, it mixes little and manages to cram in 125 goals - a striking rate of more than one per minute of video running time.

We tend to take it for granted now, but television does an extraordinarily comprehensive job. What with the speed of the camera, the ability to get in close, immediate action replays and coverage of the same incident from different angles, the armchair spectator gets so much more than the man on the terraces that it hardly seems worth going (ah, but the atmosphere...).

Where football, unlike cricket, still lags in the quality of commentary and analysis. Of course the game moves faster than cricket, giving less time for reflection. But too often the commentary is on the level of "what a fantastic save!" when that is precisely what the viewer has just seen for himself.

In the age of Don Bradman, camera work was still largely hit and miss. If the fall of a wicket was captured while it happened this was a bonus; more often the



Everybody's hero: Don Bradman, the great Australian captain

voice-over had to fill in the details over a shot of a disappointed batsman trudging back to the pavilion. The camera was hardly ever behind the bowler's arm and there were no instant replays.

For all these limitations, to which may be added lack of colour, *The Bradman Era* is a tape rich in atmosphere and nostalgia and no cricket follower will want to miss it. Here are glimpses of five England-Australia rubbers in which Bradman was a key figure, produced by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and narrated by that erstwhile bowler of fiery leg breaks, Bill O'Reilly.

Curiously missing out 1930 (and arguably the greatest Bradman innings, his 254 at Lord's) the tape starts with the bodyline tour and ends with the famous Hollies goopily at the Oval, which toppled the great man for a duck and left his Test average at 99.96 instead of the 100.00 that a single boundary would have given him. The clarity of much of the

footage is surprisingly high. There is particularly good material, valuable for being mostly unfamiliar, from the 1934 series in England.

Among the vignettes of 1934 at sea against Verity's spin on a Lord's summer (shades of Laker 22 years later) and the implacable Fatsy Hendren chucking the age of 45. And for those who have only read about Clarrie Grimmett, here is a chance to see his amazingly casual action (how could he have been so accurate?).

Speaking of actions, there is a fascinating comparison between Harold Larwood, and Ray Lindwall running up to deliver in which it is almost impossible to tell which is which; unfortunately such insights are rare. There are, it must be said, added clips galore of Bradman himself, leaving you in no doubt of his qualities: the speed of his eye and his merciless execution.

Peter Waymark

## COLLECTING

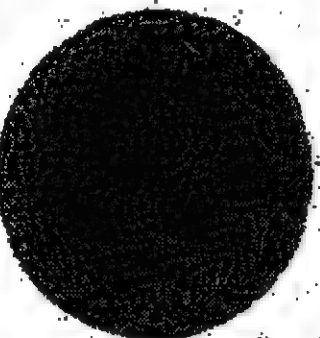
## Golden glories of the Games

Baron de Coubertin really started something. It is unlikely that the extravagant Olympic circus, which opened in Los Angeles next Saturday, is quite what he had in mind when he managed to get athletes from nine countries to compete in the first modern Olympic games, held in Athens in 1896.

The games were well organized, to the extent of commemorating the event with an "official" medal. The Austrian firm of medalists, W. Fittner of Vienna, was commissioned by the Baron and produced 25,000 medals in just 21 days. These bronze (and sometimes bronze-gilt) medals were designed by a Greek artist, N. Lytras, and show a stylish *fin de siècle* Athens.

It is not certain whether the medal was a success or failure, for either it sold out, or someone in Athens must be sitting on a crate of them. Whatever the reason, these 88-year-old medals are now scarce collectors' items.

Some of the 1896 medals were slightly altered and then re-issued for the special tenth anniversary games. These were held in Athens, and were also commemorated by a splendid silver medal struck in Paris and designed by J. C. Chaplain, a champion of Art Nouveau.



Old Medal commemorating the 1896 Olympics in Athens

With the wider commercial horizons of the post-war world, the commemorative medal lost out to the commemorative coin; the first of these was introduced to help raise funds for the Helsinki games. A 500-markka coin was issued for the two years 1951 and 1952, and it is amusing to note that the mintage for the first of these years was only 18,000 specimens, less by far than the Baron's medal of 1896; yet for 1952 over half a million coins were struck.

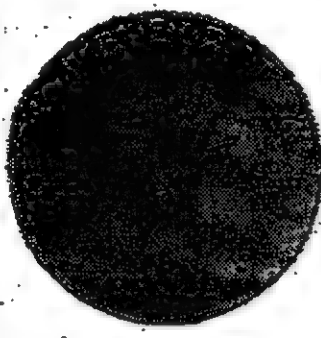
Good ideas have a tendency

to grow, so in 1968, over 30 million coins were struck for the Mexico games and for Munich the total collection of coins available was limited - if that is the right word - to 100 million. The Montreal games of 1976 saw the first commemorative coins in gold, which were issued in sets in seven differing series. Moscow improved on this in 1980 with a platinum issue.

The US Mint and Treasury Department have given careful thought to the coins that are being issued for this year's games; these have to fit in with both their coinage policy and their tradition of select commemorative issues.

Two coins dated 1984 have been struck: a gold 10-dollar coin, Eagle, and a silver dollar. There are, of course, varieties, with the "proof" silver coins - that is those with a specially polished mirror-like surface - struck at the mint in San Francisco, while the "brilliant uncirculated" coins are struck in Philadelphia.

Gold coins in the same two conditions are struck at the New York West Point mint in New York state, and are the first American coins to have the "W" mintmark. The gold 10-dollar coin



New Gold 10-dollar coin for the 1984 games in Los Angeles

is struck to the same specification as its much earlier counterpart of 1838; in Britain gold sovereigns have been struck on and off since 1958, but this is the first American gold coin for 50 years.

With a mintage of two million gold coins and a correspondingly high figure for the silver, the coins are not intended to become overnight rarities. The good news is that for every coin sold, a small percentage of the money goes to the running of the games; a further percentage will go to the

British Olympic Appeal from every coin sold in this country.

For this special cause and for the first time ever, some high street banks are promoting the sale of these coins. Leaflets and order forms are on display at all branches of the Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Clydesdale, Midland and Northern Banks, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Williams and Glyn's and in Eire the Bank of Ireland.

All items will also be available direct from the official United Kingdom distributor: Spink Modern Collections, PO Box 222, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2BQ.

The prices of the coins are: Proof silver dollar £37.50; brilliant uncirculated silver dollar £32.50; proof gold 10 dollars £360; brilliant uncirculated gold 10 dollars £350; presidential proof set (six coins, dollar - coin) £67.50.

For those who feel that the gold 10 dollars is on the expensive side, it is worth noting that a choice example of a coin of the same denomination from 50 years ago is now selling for a similar price.

One can't help but wonder

Daniel Fearon

## Snooze your cravings away

Videos which encourage you to close your eyes and nod off while they are on your television screens sound self-defeating as well poor value for money. Two new releases which make just these recommendations are, however, not intended to be entertaining.

Both films, *Stop Smoking* and *Lose Weight*, are billed as "video therapy" and wisely carry a warning on their packaging. They are, in fact, hypnosis in your own home and employ subliminal techniques to get their messages across.

Such techniques have been banned as forms of advertising because they aim to implant a message in your unconscious mind and thus influence your actions later. The warning on these videos is that they are not suitable for anyone suffering from epilepsy, or undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Those who heeded, viewers will find themselves being addressed from the other side of a desk by Mr Alf Fowles, a therapist whose flat northern tones, a beard resembling that once worn by Jimmy Hill, and newscaster delivery lend him an air of folksy credibility.

In *Lose Weight*, amiable Alf

*Stop Smoking* (60min). Videosim to Lose Weight (60min). Holiday Brothers £19.95 each.

lets you into the secret that at school he was known as Fatty Fowles. He seems kind enough now, but without telling you exactly how he shed those unwanted pounds, he suggests that the problem is all in the mind.

Overrating, he says, is a symptom of unhappiness or guilt, and has a lot to do with sex. Food may become a substitute for love, a defence against flirtation. You may have become overweight because you don't want to be attractive to your partner any more.

Relax, Mr Fowles says, and listen to me. Close your eyes and I'll help take your problems away. He hurls you towards this happy state with the aid of a metronome, which after ticking from one side of the screen to the other certainly makes the eyelids heavy.

As in *Stop Smoking*, Mr Fowles murmurs advice into what he hopes is your unconscious, and pushes subliminal messages about the joys of losing weight and giving up smoking.

via barely readable words flashed on the screen. Some of the images he conjures up are unusual as well as distinctly unpleasant. He links smoking with blood clots, gangrene and leg amputation; all very nasty things and cigarettes are, by association, equally vile.

Just how effective these films are depends, of course, entirely on the suggestibility and acceptance of the viewer. As he says, you must sincerely wish to lose weight, or to stop smoking, for them to do any good at all.

As one who stopped smoking five months ago, I found that particular film mildly supportive, but I'm not at all sure that it would have persuaded me to give up cigarettes. It might, just might, have helped. If so, Mr Fowles was shrewd in producing *Lose Weight* as well, for like most ex-smokers I have gained quite a few pounds since I stopped.

The recommendation that goes with both tapes is to watch them several times to derive maximum benefit. This is quite a challenge. Mr Fowles might be hypnotic, but he is hardly magnetic.

Thomson Prentice

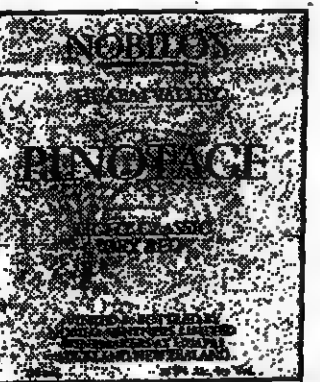
## DRINK

## Nice surprises from a new frontier

Of all the new wine countries New Zealand is probably the most recent - the first vines were planted by an Anglican missionary as late as 1850. And it took another century and a half for the New Zealanders to get used to drinking table wine at all, for until 1970 the vast majority of their grapes were turned into sticky fortified wines. In addition, New Zealand's first efforts at table wine were made mostly from hybrid grapes such as the sweet black Albany Surprise with its unpleasant exotic foxy taste.

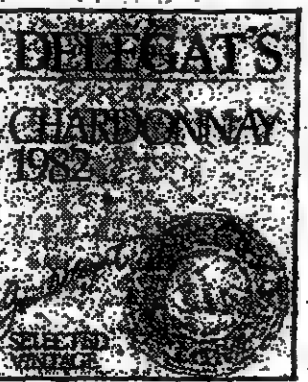
The wine industry was also held back in the early days both by a prohibition movement and Phylloxera, which has been a problem ever since it first arrived in the 1880s.

So it is all the more remarkable that in just 10 years the new generation of New Zealand grape growers and winemakers have turned their industry into one of the most technologically advanced in the world. On a trip there earlier this year virtually every winery



Marks of distinction: Fine wines from New Zealand's top firms

I visited easily outshone its European equivalent, it bristled with the latest space-age equipment, complete with acres of stainless steel (a useful inheritance from the dairy industry). But if the New Zealand winemakers are ahead in technology they could well be, as one disgruntled winemaker pointed out, "25 years behind in viticulture". Admittedly most of the hybrid have now gone,



A good handful of truly classic Chardonnay wines.

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With the industry progressing at such a rapid rate every vintage is an important milestone. Last year, for instance, I felt that the New Zealanders still had to crack the Chardonnay grape, but this year I tasted

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Jane MacQuitty

## SHOPFRONT

At least one part of the City was having a busy day on Monday. Attracted by the champagne of Halcyn Day's new shop by the Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, a passing florist popped in and topped up an antique tortoiseshell box at a price which alone must have covered the first week's overheads.

The shop, at 4 Royal Exchange, Cornhill, London EC3 is itself rather like a collectable small box - a charmingly decorated and full of the eighteenth-century style. Susan Benjamin, the owner, has been instrumental in reviving 14 years ago at her shop in Brook Street.

The new boxes have been produced to mark the opening. There is the Stock Exchange box, illustrated, 24in diameter, £45, with the names of various stocks and shares round the base, and a Royal Exchange box with a hand-coloured drawing of the facade, 14in, £29.50. Also worth more than a second glance are the quartz carriage clocks, hand-painted over a fine transfer-printed outline in the

## Readers requests

Where can I find small plastic containers for make-up, lotions and medicines for holiday use? Most pots are too large and too heavy for a carry-on suitcase. Tupperware do the smallest I have seen - a set of four 50ml tubs for £1.57 and a Mini Pack Set (two boxes 4in x 3 1/2in and two pots 1 1/2in diameter) for £2.55. For local Tupperware dealers contact their nearest office at 190 College Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 1BQ (01-861 1819).

Alternatively, if you would like to try some samples and at the same time acquire small, reusable containers, Martha Hill has just brought out her Holiday Survival Kit. It contains shampoo, conditioner and lotion, bath oil, body oil and shower gel, under-eye cream, eye make-up remover, sun-block cream and gel, a deodorant and four skincare products, with an introductory selection of cosmetic eye and lip colours. At £15 including p & p, it is a good



opportunity (available until the end of August) to try many excellent and effective products) and at the same time to acquire eight 3in plastic bottles, four 1 1/2in pots, three 50ml pots and three tiny pots 1 1/2in deep. For details of the kit and of Martha Hill's full-size products contact her at The Old Vicarage, Laxton, Near Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 3AT (078 055 259).

## Homing in

"The Englishman's Home Is His Castle" is the theme of an exhibition which opens today at Felton House Gallery, Swan Street, Bedford, Suffolk. The centrepiece is a specially commissioned dining table in English oak by Donald Simpson with four chairs and place settings, all by different designers, including hand-made glassware, pottery, cutlery and table linen. There are also rugs, wallhangings, and garden pots. The exhibition continues until Sept 2, Tues-Sat 10.30am-4pm, Sun 2-6pm.

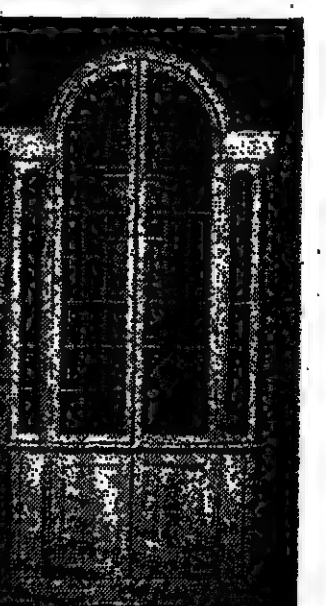
A fascinating glimpse at the interior world of an interior designer is offered this week in Chelsea. An exhibition of designs by John Stefanidis at 6 Burnell Street, London SW3, shows not only his range of furniture and furnishings but prototypes, architectural models and photographs of international commissions.

We wanted to show that we don't just do trifle lampshades, says Stefanidis. "We do everything an architect does, including the drains, which nobody expects an interior decorator even to mention. If people are spending a lot of money you have to get the bones right and the trills can come later." The "bones" on show range from a model of a swimming pool pavilion in Switzerland and an embassy ballroom in Washington, to a flat in Paris and a whitewashed villa on Patmos. The cosmetic finishes include simulated oak grain, ambony and mottled ivory and the magnificent architectural cabinet (illustrated right) - "a tribute to Lutens" - in green with a rosewood graining.

Even those not planning to take out a second mortgage for an entire interior scheme can have a touch of Stefanidis. Also shown are his well-established classic furnishing fabrics and a new range of chintzes, many based on antique embroideries, printed so cleverly that they retain the character of the original weaves or stichings. Prices are from £11.50 to £36.95 a metre. There are interesting accessories, too, including large wall lanterns in grey painted tin with mirrored backs, £485, and table lamps in the shape of tall, painted candlesticks.

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There is something appealing about watching talented young players engaged in serious combat over the chess-board. The chess may be wanting in certain technical aspects, the players may not be conversant with up-to-date opening theory, or, if they are then they may be deficient in technical knowledge as regards the endgame. But these deficiencies are often compensated for by a wonderful flow of interesting ideas and lively, dashing attacks.

This was illustrated at the semi-finals and finals of this year's Times British Schools Championship tournament.

It should be emphasized that in these two days at St. Ermin's we were watching four teams of fine chess-players who had shown their strength by beating some 500 schools to reach the finals. There were the title-holders, Queen Mary's Grammar School of Walsall, the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, (who came third last year), and two strong contenders from St. Paul's, London, and Plymouth College.

In the semi-finals Plymouth met and defeated the champions by 4-2. The Royal Grammar School played the young and strong St. Paul's team. The fact that the average age of the St. Paul's team (15.8) was about a year and a half younger meant that the Royal Grammar School had to win by at least 3½ to 2½ and they did exactly that.

In the finals next day the Royal Grammar School beat Plymouth College by a massive margin of 5 to 1, thereby winning the title for the first time. St. Paul's came third by narrowly defeating Queen Mary's by 3½ to 2½.

A prize for the best-played game went to Martin Hazleton who defeated David Stevenson with the following brilliant attack in the semi-final match between the Royal Grammar School and St. Paul's. White: M. Hazleton, Black: D. Stevenson. Sicilian Defence.

1 P-K4 P-C4 2 N-K3 N-C6 3 P-B3 P-B3 4 P-C3 P-C3 5 P-C2 P-C2 6 P-C2 P-C2 7 P-C2 P-C2 8 P-C2 P-C2 9 P-C2 P-C2 10 P-C2 P-C2 11 P-C2 P-C2 12 P-C2 P-C2 13 P-C2 P-C2 14 P-C2 P-C2 15 P-C2 P-C2 16 P-C2 P-C2 17 P-C2 P-C2 18 P-C2 P-C2 19 P-C2 P-C2 20 P-C2 P-C2 21 P-C2 P-C2 22 P-C2 P-C2 23 P-C2 P-C2 24 P-C2 P-C2 25 P-C2 P-C2 26 P-C2 P-C2 27 P-C2 P-C2 28 P-C2 P-C2 29 P-C2 P-C2 30 P-C2 P-C2

Obvious, but the best? In the light of what now occurs it would seem better to go in for wholesale exchanges starting with 7...N-Q5.

8 P-K3 B-Q2

An unfortunate waste of time that facilitates White's attack. But, after 8...BxN 9 NxB White has the advantage of two Bishops together with the makings of a fine attack.

10 P-B3 P-B3 11 P-B3 P-B3 12 P-B3 P-B3 13 P-B3 P-B3 14 P-B3 P-B3 15 P-B3 P-B3 16 P-B3 P-B3 17 P-B3 P-B3 18 P-B3 P-B3 19 P-B3 P-B3 20 P-B3 P-B3 21 P-B3 P-B3 22 P-B3 P-B3 23 P-B3 P-B3 24 P-B3 P-B3 25 P-B3 P-B3 26 P-B3 P-B3 27 P-B3 P-B3 28 P-B3 P-B3 29 P-B3 P-B3 30 P-B3 P-B3

After this White mounts an overwhelming attack. Black could, and should, have stemmed this by 16...P-B4.

17 P-B3 P-B3 18 P-B3 P-B3 19 P-B3 P-B3 20 P-B3 P-B3 21 P-B3 P-B3 22 P-B3 P-B3 23 P-B3 P-B3 24 P-B3 P-B3 25 P-B3 P-B3 26 P-B3 P-B3 27 P-B3 P-B3 28 P-B3 P-B3 29 P-B3 P-B3 30 P-B3 P-B3

Now comes a fine stroke which shows that White is a real master of attack.

Apparently saving the day by eliminating the most dangerous attacking piece...but

23 P-B3 P-B3 24 P-B3 P-B3 25 P-B3 P-B3 26 P-B3 P-B3 27 P-B3 P-B3 28 P-B3 P-B3 29 P-B3 P-B3 30 P-B3 P-B3

A lovely game by White; if now 36...K-R3 37 Q-Q8 ch R-N1 38 B-K5 ch, followed by mate.

**Harry Golombek**

## CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 399)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, July 26, 1984. Entries should be sent to The Times Crossword Competition, 12 City Street, London WC2E 9HT. The winners and solutions will be announced on Saturday, July 28, 1984.

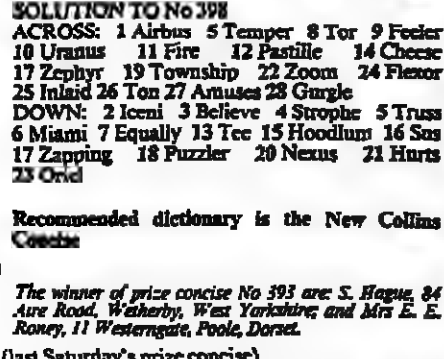
## ACROSS

- 1 Observant point (4,3,4)
- 2 Oak apple (7)
- 3 Margin (5)
- 4 Frozen water (3)
- 5 Reputation (4)
- 6 Seal (4)
- 7 Lap cloth (6)
- 8 Incline (4)
- 9 Cathedral administrator (4)
- 10 Squirm (6)
- 11 Stare lewdly (4)
- 12 Boat cockpit (4)
- 13 Teddy boy (3)
- 14 Striped big cat (5)
- 15 Clap (7)
- 16 Cockney saxifrage (6,5)

## DOWN

- 1 Caulking fibre (5)
- 2 Chip (4)
- 3 Wrinkled W Indian fruit (4)
- 4 Surface (4)
- 5 Young pichard (7)
- 6 Land's End opposite (4,1,6)
- 7 Chief actress (7,4)
- 8 Gilded fabric (6)
- 9 Conclusion (3)
- 10 Lively piece (7)
- 11 Night moisture (3)
- 12 Humped antelope (5)
- 13 Walked on (4)
- 14 Sunrise (4)
- 15 Box lightly (4)

SOLUTION TO No 398 (last Saturday's prize crossword)  
ACROSS: 1 Airbus 5 Temper 8 Tor 9 Foeder 10 Uranus 11 Fire 12 Parilla 14 Cheoc 17 Zephyr 19 Township 22 Zoon 24 Flexor 25 Inland 26 Ton 27 Anuses 28 Gurple  
DOWN: 2 Iceni 3 Believe 4 Strophe 5 Truss 6 Misan 7 Equally 13 Tree 15 Hoodlum 16 Sea 17 Zapping 18 Puzzler 20 Nexus 21 Hurs 23 Orid



The winner of prize crossword No 398 is S. Hagan, 44 Ave Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire and Mrs E. E. Roney, 11 Westergate, Poole, Dorset.

## End of term report

## Breaking up is so very hard to do

We all like Fridays in our house: the chief breadwinner because he can look forward to a couple of days of cakes and ale, I because with any luck the week's deadlines will have been met and because my cleaning lady will have turned a menagerie into a menage again. Even the dog, showing uncharacteristic intelligence, appears to know that Fridays are auspicious and makes a great show of wagging the stump that passes for a tail.

And my son loves Fridays because they hold a tantalizing promise of jolly weekends ahead - before reality has taken the edge off - and there is no penalty for procrastination. Usually, that is.

Next Friday will be different and none of us is looking forward to it. For next Friday (or yesterday by the time you read this) my son will say goodbye to the 24 classmates with whom he has shared time for the past six years and to the teachers - and one in particular - who have variously cared for, chastised, encouraged him.

He has been in a bad humour all week. At first I thought it must be something he ate, lack of sleep or the onset of a preadolescent. Then I realized that he is in fact mourning for an irrevocable past. Always to anticipate sadness (a trait inherited from his mother), he has run through the dress rehearsal of the last day a dozen times, knowing that the performance will be final, with no encores.

At school everyone is trying to pretend that nothing is happening. End-of-term activities continue apace, although a little frenzied. In the last month my son and his classmates have sung in the Royal Festival Hall, received a near standing ovation in the parish church when they repeated the performance (the first time the aisles had



Joyce Macdonald

ever rocked to *Carmen*), staged a wonderful dance show in which fraternity and their individual talents were demonstrated to near perfection. (That the child is indeed father to the man was obvious on the benches where the parents sat feeling suddenly old, wondering just when the fledglings learned to fly.) Farewell parties are underway with no one needing a birthday as an excuse.

It all looks very jolly but the tension is there. Some of the children - those who are going to the secondary school of their choice - are less apprehensive about the future than those who have been forced to accept places at second or even third-choice schools. All of them know that leaving soon the last year being "top dog", they now face a further six or seven years' climb up the educational ladder, starting at the bottom. And some will be doing so without

death of a child; and although it is in central London, it retains the shape and feel of a small village school. There, however, the similarity ends, for its pupils are - and for many years have been - cosmopolitan, with children from Poland, Japan, China, the West Indies, the United States and Australia striding side by side with English classmates. The mix of nationality is in part, at least, responsible for the fact that none of the children has any experience of racism and have been appalled when they have encountered it.

The acquisition of social skills and behaviour is not the only reason why a school is judged. As far as literacy and numeracy are concerned, the school also has an excellent record; and the quality of its musical training is widely admired. The staff show a dedication to their charges that may not be unique but is certainly well above many parents' expectations. There is one in particular (who would murder me were I to identify her) whose many gifts include the ability to raise each child's awareness of its own potential so that it leaves the school with a degree of self-confidence (but not arrogance).

If I seem to be singing the praises of one particular school somewhat loudly, it is because, although I have made many mistakes since my son was born, choosing his primary school was one of my better efforts.

There will be many wet eyes and lumpy throats at the school gates next week. The children will promise to keep in touch; make pacts to meet up at some pre-arranged time and place in the future; a few will go home together; all will be sad, because in the words of that corny old song, breaking up is so very hard to do.

Judy Froshag

## BRIDGE

## Breathless acclaim for a skilful pedant

"I think he's absolutely brilliant", gushed Doris Waterflow, finally drawing breath.

"I don't care a fig for his brilliance", said Charles Granddew, the club expert, who had grown increasingly impatient with Doris's eulogy of his main rival's talents. "Give me someone who can play capably and maintain his concentration, and you can have his Nibs's flair and the 1,100 penalties that go with it."

Charles immediately regretted his outspoken comment when he cut a deflated Dogberry and Horace Paradine, the mathematical pedant.

Rubber Bridge. Love all. Dealer South.

♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7

Charles won the first trick with the ♠A and naturally fired back his singleton spade, which Doris won with the ♠Q. A brief

consultation of the ceiling provided the inspiration that Charles had a singleton spade. Doris triumphantly cashed the ♠A and gave Charles his ruff to score the fourth and last trick for the defence.

"It's your deal, Doris", said Charles, interrupting his partner's account of the latest local gossip.

"We were rather fortunate there, partner", Paradine announced pompously. "If the defence retains the Ace of spades and returns a low spade, they can establish a club before I obtain a discard."

"How silly of me not to think of that", said Doris meekly, "and how sweet of you, Charles, not to point it out. I really must concentrate, otherwise you will lose your confidence in me." Charles bit his lip. He was at his best in adversity.

Rubber Bridge. Love all. North-South 90. Dealer West.

♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 8 7

What did the experts say one should lead from four small? Doris wished she could remember. Surely the eight would be less misleading than the two, Charles told her. The ♠K and returned the 07 on which Paradine played the 09, losing to Doris's ♠K. Doris cashed the ♠A on which Paradine smoothly contributed the 0Q. This time the ceiling proved a less reliable oracle. Doris switched to a heart while she still had the chance.

"How could I tell that you had a doubleton diamond?" Doris inquired miserably. "You couldn't", Charles replied nobly, avoiding any stress on the pronoun.

"Perhaps the defence missed a tiny clue", interposed Paradine in his endearing manner. "If I had had three hearts I would have supported Dogberry. Although I must confess that at the score his choice of two hearts rather than two spades would not have been mine. Surely I could only have two clubs, otherwise Charles's intervention at the three level would have been on a five-card suit, which is unthinkable. If I had seven spades, the contract is secure, so it must be assumed that I had three diamonds."

"Didn't you have a hundred honours?" asked Doris. "Yes", said Paradine, "but what difference does that make?"

"You mean to say that with any three mouldy hearts you would have supported your partner and suppressed your hundred honours?"

"Of course", said Paradine. "Oh, Horace, you really are the sort of man who goes to Ascot and doesn't look at the hats."

Jeremy Flint

## OUT AND ABOUT



Triumph of talent: (left to right) James Judd, Victoria and Peter Readman and some of the other founder members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe.

## Harmony born on a honeymoon

For most of us a honeymoon is happy but dimming memory. For Peter and Victoria Readman it is renewed almost every time they enter a concert hall because it presaged the birth of what, after a mere three years of existence, has become one of the best chamber orchestras in the world, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, which will be performing at the Barbican on Monday night.

Peter Readman was a passable schoolboy-standard horn player, and Victoria a more than passable pianist, but when they spent their honeymoon at the Salzburg Festival in 1981 neither of them could have dreamed that they were about to play an important part in establishing a new international orchestra.

While they were in Salzburg, an old friend, the conductor James Judd, assistant to Claudio Abbado at the European Community Youth Orchestra, invited them to dinner and presented them with an audacious proposal. A group of young players from the orchestra, all fast approaching its upper age limit of 23, wanted to find some way of staying together and capitalizing on their experience. The idea was to set up their own chamber orchestra, composed entirely of players in their twenties and drawn from all over Europe. As a financial adviser with a considerable reputation in the City, and a former member of Denis Healey's "think tank", Peter Readman was an obvious choice to help with the business side of setting up the orchestra.

At first Readman rejected the idea, but he was persuaded to entertain it by Victoria, and on their return to London he sounded out possible sponsors. Predictably the reactions ranged from the pityingly dismissive to the ribald. However, by this time he himself had complete faith in the practicality of the scheme.

In May 1982 he took a gamble. He brought members of the embryo orchestra from The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, France, Italy and all over Britain to London, where they rehearsed as they could and camped out on the floors and sofas of friends. He booked the Merchant Taylors' Hall in the

City for their first concert, and invited a select audience of 300, many of whose arms were well worth twisting.

If that first Mozart concert, conducted by Judd and Abbado and with Bishop-Kovacevich as soloist, had not been an outright success the orchestra would have been still-born. As it was, no one who was present is ever likely to forget that night. The quality of the playing, and above all the enthusiasm of the players, carried all before them, and by the end of the party that followed £20,000 had been raised in donations and sponsorship.

A little over two years later it is hard to believe that the COE is so young, both in terms of its existence and the average age of the members, which is still only 24. They play together for six months each year, with a full schedule to 1986 taking in such major international events as the Rossini Festival at Pesaro, the City of London Festival, and tours of Italy, Britain, Germany, Austria and, for the first time, the United States.

That first triumph has been repeated many times, most notably perhaps in Budapest last March, when not only Abbado, now the orchestra's artistic adviser, but also June Hall, the very professional general manager, who had come

from the LSO, were in tears. The applause continued for half an hour after the last player had left the stage.

The players now come from 12 countries. They have, gone beyond the EEC and the latest recruits are from Austria and Hungary, with another Hungarian to come. The orchestra is largely self-governing by committee, and the players are guaranteed a salary of £400 per month from sponsorship, which is treated as an advance on performing and recording fees.

Because they work together for only half the year, they can not only be sure of the best engagements during that time, but also develop their careers as soloists or in groups outside it.

Douglas Boyd, the Scottish oboist and a recent winner of the International Young Concert Artists' Competition in New York, points out that this may also help the players to avoid the debilitating effects of familiarity and advancing age: "If you play together all the time you can't keep up the intensity. For us every member is important, and each engagement is different."

Although most of the founders are still with the orchestra, the intense programme of travel will no doubt ensure that the average age does not rise too far; the onset of mortgages and children will lead to a natural wastage.

According to Pal Banda, the Hungarian cellist, the logistics of getting everyone together means that full rehearsals have to be kept to the minimum and that everybody is keyed up for performance. In time the COE may find a permanent rehearsal base, but immediately there is a recording of the Mozart Symphonies 40 and 41 for Decca and the Barbican on Monday night. The honeymoon continues.

**Huon Mallien**

The COE's concert is at the Barbican (628 8755) on Mon at 7.45pm. The programme consists of Dvorak's Serenade for Strings, Schubert's Piano Concerto in A minor (Vassily), and Mozart's Symphony No 38 "The Prague", conducted by Alexander Schneider.

## Outings

**MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Moving performance presented by Path Productions, (Practical Arts and Theatre with the Handicapped) which shows just how unlimiting a handicap can be. Jeanette Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, London WC1 (242 7440). Tonight at 7.30pm, Tues-Sat at 8pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

**THE WOODLAND GOSPEL:** ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN BEAKY AND HIS BAND: The life of Jesus as explained to the woodland creatures by Captain Beaky and his band. All Hellows by the Tower of London, Byward Street, London EC3 (236 2801). Today at 3pm, 7.30pm, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, July 28 at 3pm, 7.30pm. Adult £5, child £2.

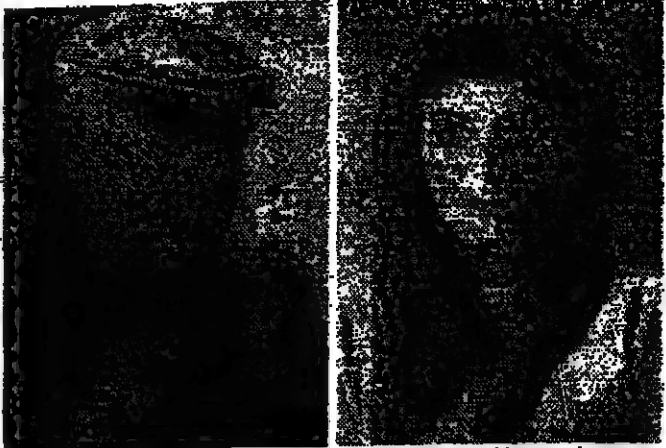
**CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE WEEKEND:** All the usual attractions of the Shire Horse Centre with parades of horses, farm walk and nature trail plus many child-orientated activities. The Shire Horse Centre, Yealminton, near Plymouth, Devon (0752 882268). Today and tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

**BATTLE AT BOSWORTH:** Medieval recreations include a live English Civil War battle, feigning and hawking. Battlefield of Bosworth, Battlefield Centre, Ambion Hill Farm, Sutton Cheney, near Market Bosworth, Leicestershire (0455 290428). Tomorrow, 1pm-5pm. Adult £2, child 50p.

**BUCKLER'S HARD VILLAGE FESTIVAL:** Day of eighteenth century festivities in this picturesque "village". Buckler's Hard, Bexhill, Hampshire (02563 253). Tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

**THE LAUGHING CAVALIER:** Singing at its finest in this musical, performed by the King's College Choir School with choral scholars from the college itself. University Music Schools, West Road, Cambridge. Tues-Fri at 7.30pm. Morning performances Wed and Thur at 11.30am. Adult £2.50, child £1. (Tickets from the Central Library, Lion Yard, or by post from The Secretary, King's College School, West Road, Cambridge).

## THE WEEK



Portrait partners: William Roberts and his wife Sarah

## Chronicle of a marriage

## Galleries

William Roberts painted his wife Sarah once a year throughout their life together, and they were married for more than 60 years. He also painted himself, the two of them together and their son John many times. When Mrs Roberts approached Robin Gibson at the National Portrait Gallery recently, suggesting an exhibition of these portraits, he leapt at the chance. "It's a wonderful aspect of his work that people don't know about", he says.

Roberts is usually associated with vorticism, having been a member of that movement with Wyndham Lewis in 1914. From the mid-1920s he established a distinctive figurative style, his subjects tubular, somewhat like those of Fernand Léger, involved in delightful everyday scenes such as feeding the birds or boating on the lake.

The portraits in this exhibition demonstrate, in Gibson's words, Roberts's "psychological depth and simple humanity". They include 14 of Sarah alone, dated from 1922 to 1971. All are of head and shoulders. "He thought the face of a person was enough", she says. "He didn't want to put people on chairs-longue and doing other things." Sometimes she is portrayed bare-headed, sometimes she wears a headscarf in bright colours, red and green, maize and yellow, chosen by him.

On show are 19 self-portraits, with a more complex set of props. Sometimes Roberts shows himself with cards in his hand or a knotted handkerchief on his head. Often he appears

as a man of the people, sporting cap and braces. There are also four on show of their only son, John, born in 1919.

Perhaps the most moving are the two double portraits of the artist and his wife, dated 1942-43 and 1975, in particular the latter where an elderly Sarah smiles out from under her headscarf while Roberts seems either to be looking at her affectionately, or contemplating a piece of paper they are holding. This paper is an engraving, says Sarah, who is now aged 83. It is either a bill or a marriage certificate, but I never found out. He was not satisfied with the way he had painted me, and was planning to do something about it, but then he died." It was 1980.

Some of Roberts's self-portraits reveal a sombre side. He appears to grow out from the canvas, in fact, the face he turned to the world was often one of disaffection. He refused an OBE and a retrospective at the Royal Academy, and still felt his artistic merit had been neglected.

He published many pamphlets privately in which, for example, he objected to the fact that the painter must be a self-publicist to survive, and that the abstract artist leads to "drip, drip, drip" as he paints on to a piece of cardboard or hardboard, and if this isn't fast enough... use a bicycle.

**Sarah Jane Checkland**

"William Roberts 1895-1980, An Artist and his Family" opens on Friday at the National Portrait Gallery, London WC2 (628 1652). Until Oct 7, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.

## Openings

**HOME AND ABROAD:** Showcase for more than 80 paintings, sculptures and photographs, acquired by the Arts Council and British Council since 1980. The Arts Council collection now numbers 6,500. It spans about £100,000 a year, while the British Council is restricted to £20,000 - often spent wisely on such coups as Lucian Freud's "Naked Girl with Egg" and John Walker's "Red Strand Infants", both of which are on show here. Sorbonne Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (402 6075). Opens today. Until Aug 27, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, weekends 10am-7pm.

**IVOR ABRAHAM:** Major exhibition of sculpture, drawings and prints, planned for the Year of the Garden. A special feature is the new large bronze described as "innovative", entitled "The Gate". Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton Hall College, West Bretton, near Wakefield (022485 579). Opens today. Until Sept 17, 10am-5pm daily.

## Selected

**THE SCHOOL OF FERRARA:** Masterpieces from the 16th century, including works by Mantegna, Verrocchio, and others. National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Until Aug 19, Tues-Sat noon-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

**THE VENETIAN SCENE:** The Venetian scene, King's Lynn (0553 4725). Until Aug 4, 10am-6pm Mon-Sat (late opening 6.30-7.30pm today, Mon, Tues, Fri next week). Paintings and drawings of Venice by eighteenth and nineteenth-century artists. Includes works by Canaletto and Guardi, Monet, Ruskin and Sickert.

**THE HARD-WON IMAGE:** The Tate Gallery (821 1313). Until Sept 9, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. Figurative paintings since the 1800s. Includes works by Moore, Kiefer, Oldenburg, and Auerbach.

## Photography

**TREES:** The Photographers' Gallery, 5 and 6 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (240 1969). Until Aug 25, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm. A provocative show in number 5 which backs head on some of the ecological problems arising from modern man's disregard for trees including a chilling series of black and white pictures showing the effects of acid rain in Europe. In number 6 trees are the subject of some beautiful portraits, of which the most successful are the photographs which attempt to convey the bizarre in nature by Axel Poignant.

**FELIX MAH AND ERICH SALOMON:** National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Until Aug 19, Tues-Sat noon-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm. Man began to take photographs with a box camera in Germany before the First World War. He was a prolific contributor to *Münchener Illustrierte* in the late 1920s and 1930s and went on to join *Wendy Illustrated* and *Picture Post* in this country. Salomon is considered the father of the candid photograph.

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## THE WEEK

## THEATRE

## FILMS



Old comrades: 'Bones' McCoy (DeForest Kelley) and Admiral Kirk (William Shatner) aboard the Enterprise.

## Distinctive features of the search for Spock

"Get rid of the guy with the funny ears", an NBC executive supposedly declared, viewing the trial run of *Star Trek* in 1966. "No way," replied Gene Roddenberry, the series' creator and producer. "Well, keep him in the background - way back!" Roddenberry also ignored this suggestion and the character of Mr Spock, the half-human, half-Vulcan officer on the roving spaceship *Enterprise*, grew in importance as the series strengthened its grip on the audience.

People became intrigued by the ice-cold logic of Spock's mind, the page boy haircut, the displaced eyebrows, and the pointed ears. In time, one could buy the ears in shops, along with novels, dolls, lipsticks, maps, and all the other merchandise generated by a cult phenomenon.

Mr Spock continued to exert a spell in the cinema adventures, launched in 1979, 10 years after the television series ended.

At the climax of *Star Trek II - The Wrath of Khan* (1982), the character received fatal blows of radiation, but, as Sherlock Holmes can be deceptive, *Star Trek III*, released in Britain next week, is cunningly sub-titled *The Search for Spock*.

Spock is found, though his body and mind are in separate places, necessitating unification by High Priestess T'Lar.

Where has all this left Leonard Nimoy - Mr Spock's portrayer, and the director of

*Star Trek III*? His autobiography bears the title *I Am Not Spock*. This is true enough, would the ultra-rational science officer moment a one-man stage production about Van Gogh, or produce a forgotten film version of Genet's play *Deathwatch*? But it is Spock's popularity that gave some of these projects the necessary support and who else should we thank for the record album *Leonard Nimoy Presents Mr Spock's Music from Outer Space*?

The *Star Trek* films are faced with a curious stylistic dilemma. Current cinema fashions demand lavish, immaculate, realistic special effects; in *The Search for Spock*, these are provided, yet to satisfy their audience of "Trekkies", the producers must also keep faith with the simpler style - and the personality - of the original television series. Thus we find William Shatner, DeForest Kelley, and other veterans forced to don the fashions and haircuts of two decades ago.

Yet there is some acknowledgment of the passing years: during the course of *Star Trek III*, the ageing *Enterprise* is replaced by the *Excelsior* - a gleaming new spacebattleship, and ready for *Star Trek IV*.

Geoff Brown

## Openings

**CHILDREN OF THE CORN (18)** Modest horror film from a short story by Stephen King, about a community of vicious children in Nebraska who worship a deity of the cornfields. Directed by Fritz Kerscher, with Peter Horton, Linda Hamilton.

From Fri at the Studio Odeon Street (437 3300), Cinemas Pantons Street (930 0631).

**CANNONBALL RUN II (PG)** Unwise sequel to the 1981 car race comedy, with Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise and a host of star guests racing across America in search of good jobs. Directed by Hal Needham.

From Fri at the Leicester Square Theatre (930 5252).

## Selected

**THE KING AND MR BIRD (U)** ICA Cinema (930 3647). Paul Giamatti and Jacques Prévert's delightful animated tale about freedom and repression, with a fetching cast of birds, beasts and mechanical robots. Aspects have dated since the film's conception in 1946, but there are constant visual delights.

**THE BEST OF NARUSE** National Film Theatre (928 3222). This week's haul of films by the Japanese master Mikio Naruse includes some from the 1950s: *Floating Clouds* (tomorrow), a powerful story of obsessive love; *Sounds of the Mountains* (today), which delicately explores domestic frustrations; and the richly detailed *Golden Days* (both Mon).

**SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY (PG)** Chelsea Cinema (391 5742). An elderly academic's family come to visit one Sunday in the summer of 1912: cue for a meticulously beautiful film by Bertrand Tavernier (winner of the best director prize at Cannes). Death and disappointment pervade the scenes, giving a sharp edge to the pastoral pretensions.

**AND THE SHIP SAILS ON (15)** Academy One, Oxford Street (437 2381). All aboard the SS *Federico Fellini* for a symbolic ocean trip in the summer of 1914, with an assorted company of opera singers, politicians, Serbian peasants and caricatures, and one small rhinoceros. Partly brilliant, partly lame and strained.

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## Radio

**CAKE AND CHARITY** Margaret Howard talks to five clergymen's wives - one married to a bishop, another a divorcee - trying to discover what happened to the traditional figure in the floral dress and faded hat dispensing cake and charity. Are their expectations of married life different to those of the wives of other professional men? Radio 4, today, 4.15-4.45pm.

**ROUND BRITAIN QUIZ** The indestructible quiz show, described by one critic as "English beyond the wildest dreams of Wodehouse" - and completely unintelligible - returns for a 12-week series. The resident team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn pit their crossword-puzzle mentalities against such opponents as Peter Oppenheimer, Patrick Norgens and John Julius Norwich. Gordon Cough and Louis Allen put the questions. Radio 4, Sun, 8.15-8.45pm.

## Festivals

**KING'S LYNN FESTIVAL** The Fenny Centre, a group of medieval buildings around a courtyard, is the beautiful setting for the thirty-fourth festival. Venice is the umbrella theme this year, with two exhibitions of paintings and another of stringed instrument makers. Venetian music, ranging from the rarely heard to the familiar, includes a programme for voices and brass on Mon in St Nicholas's Church at 8pm, and Gillian Weir's organ recital on Tues in King's Lynn Church at 4pm. The Fenny Centre, King's Lynn, Norfolk (0553 3578).

**AFRICA, AFRICA** Performers from six Commonwealth countries - Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania and The Gambia - play their music in costume on traditional instruments at the African Music Village, part of a year-long festival. Some of the instruments are very unusual, like the Gambia's harp-like kora and wooden xylophone. Concerts, workshops and talks in Holland.

**TELEVISION**

## Programme choice

**BEYOND THE MOON** It was on July 21, 1969, that Neil Armstrong became the first to set foot upon the moon. In a fifteen-minute anniversary programme *Horizon* recalls the momentous event through contemporary radio and television coverage and looks forward to the new era of space exploration, including President Reagan's commitment to build a permanently manned space station in earth orbit. BBC2, today, 7.45-8.50pm.

**THE GROUNDING AND THE KITE** Peter, schoolteacher and amateur song writer, is given the chance to break into the music business by his mate, Jimmy, but he is reluctant to make the necessary compromises and the relationship comes under strain. This perspective *Play for Today* by Leonard Prentiss, who also wrote the music and lyrics and plays Peter, John Duce is Jimmy. BBC1, Tues, 9.25-10.25pm.

**BLOWOUT** Phyllis Logan, the award-winning actress from the film, *Another Time, Another Place*, and Martin Mullaney, play the young marrieds having to adjust to unemployment in the third of the drama series, *The End of the Line*, set in a Scottish new town. Tom McGrath's nicely understated script has Peter, nine months on the dole, trying to sink his troubles in drink, while his wife looks for a job in a new cocktail bar. BBC1, Wed, 10.20-11.10pm.

**CUBA** Six-part documentary series chronicling 25 years of Fidel Castro's socialist revolution. Among its achievements are an excellent health service, free apart from the cost of medicines, and one of the best literacy rates in the world. BBC2, Fri, 9.25-10.05pm.



Commonwealth tradition: A Gambian plays the kora (Festivals)

**Park, London W11, Mon-Sat, 11am-4pm; concerts Tues-Fri at 7.30pm (tickets on the door). Until Aug 4. Concerts on river terrace tomorrow and July 28, 6-10pm from Tower Pier, Lower Thames Street, London EC3 (telephone 836 0544 for bookings). Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (803 4535).**

Other festivals include: Piccadilly Festivities, St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 0856/5244), until July 28; Euxine Festival, Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0293 7101/7899), July 28-Aug 12; Cambridge Festival, The Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge (0223 357851), until July 28; Harrogate Festival, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (0423 55757), July 31-Aug 15.

## Sport

**THE OPEN** The British Open Golf Championship reaches its climax at St Andrews this weekend, with the third round being played today and the final round tomorrow. Television coverage starts on BBC1 today at 3.55pm and on BBC2 tomorrow from 1.55pm.

**BENSON AND HEDGES CUP** Bob Willis, in his last season, leads Warwickshire against Lancashire in the final of cricket's 55-over competition at Lord's. The match starts at 11am today and is being covered on BBC1 and BBC2; there is also half-by-half commentary on Radio 3 medium wave.

**BRITISH GRAND PRIX** The tenth round of the motor racing world championship is being staged at Brands Hatch tomorrow with home

supporters hoping for a first British win there since Jim Clark's 20 years ago. Hopes rest with Nigel Mansell (Lotus) and Derek Warwick (Renault) who have both been going well this season without seriously challenging the leaders, Alain Prost (34½ points), Niki Lauda (24) and Elio de Angelis (23½). The race starts at 2.45pm and there is uninterrupted live coverage on BBC1.

**FOURTH TEST** Having lost the series 3-0, David Gower and his Essexians play the West Indies at Old Trafford, Manchester, with the melancholy task of trying to stop Clive Lloyd's men making a clean sweep of the five-match rubber. The match starts on Thurs at 11am and play can be followed on BBC1 and BBC2, with the usual half-by-half commentary on Radio 5 medium wave.

## Auctions

**SUMMER SPORTS** Antique sportsmen's gear, fishing and fishing are offered at Sotheby's on Tues. Among the items of special interest are a late eighteenth-century golfing iron and a Thomas Morris leather golf ball of around 1840.

Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080). Viewing Mon 9am-4.30pm. Sales Tues at 10.30am.

**SILVER HOARD** Silver wedding anniversaries are a lovely occasion in a sale of silver boxes and collectors' items at Phillips on Wed. It begins with cutlery - up to £1,000 is estimated for a superb George III Irish example - and ranges through cigarette and card cases, boxes, scent bottles, caddy spoons, toys and vinaigrettes. On Thurs there is a sale of miniature, featuring such items as "Lullaby of Broadway".

"We're in the Money", "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and the title song, Lucia Victor is singing it, and the choreographers are Karin Baker and Randy Skinner. Tap dance routines are a major attraction of the show, whose principals are Georgia Brown, Margaret Courtenay, Clara Leach, James Laurence and Michael Howe. There is a 42-strong chorus.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Catherine Street, London WC2 (836 8108). Previews from Thurs at 8pm; Mon-Fri at 8pm; Sat at 8pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. Opens Aug 6 at 7pm. Then at same times as previews.

**A LITTLE LIKE DROWNING** This poignant drama marks the London debut of promising young playwright Anthony Minghella. It traces the fortunes and misfortunes of an Italian family living in England, from the 1920s to the present, through the eyes of the grandmother (Constance Chapman). Directed by John Dove, with Morna Hoot, Alfred Molina, Susan Tully, and Valerie Whittington. Hampstead Theatre Club, Swiss Cottage Centre, London NW3 (722 9001). Previews today, Mon-Wed at 8pm; Thurs at 7pm, until Aug 18, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinee Sat at 4.30pm.

## Peter Waymark

Also recommended *Get Cracking* (1942): Amiable George Formby comedy, poking fun at the Home Guard a generation before television did it with *Dad's Army*; a young Dinah Shore in support (Charnel 4, today 2.30-4.20pm). Jeremiah Johnson (1972): Robert Redford as the ex-soldier turning his back on civilization and making for the mountains. (BBC1, today, 11.10pm-12.55am).

*The Perfumed Forest* (1936): Humphrey Bogart in his first starring role as the gangster, Duke Mantie, crossing paths with Leslie Howard's disillusioned writer; dramatically superb but an interesting period piece (BBC1, Mon, 7.45-8.30pm). *A Monster from Another Planet* gets among the crew of a spaceship, killing the astronauts one by one; Tom Skerritt and Sigourney Weaver lead the resistance (all TV regions, Wed, 10.30pm-12.40am).

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## Films on TV

**John Schlesinger** has been a difficult director to assess, partly because he puts so little of himself into his work, but also because for so long he appeared to be a cultural opportunist content to follow a contemporary vogue.

In 1971, when censorship had relaxed sufficiently to permit the more or less explicit treatment of homosexuality on the screen and Schlesinger came up with *Sunday Bloody Sunday* (BBC2, today, 9.10-10.55pm), it seemed that once again he was jumping on a fashionable bandwagon.

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Procarious pair: Murray Head and Glenda Jackson, two sides of a triangle in John Schlesinger's *Sunday Bloody Sunday*

world - more than 95 per cent of the population. On the debit side, although more people can read, what they read is strictly controlled; and Cubans cannot move their home or job without official permission. The programmes are produced and directed by Frank Hayes and narrated by Julien Peiffer. All TV regions, Thurs, 9.30-10pm.

**WOMEN OF OUR CENTURY** The latest subject is Paula Vezalay, the abstract painter who was ignored by the British art establishment for most of her life and had to wait until she was 91 for the Tate Gallery to hold a retrospective exhibition. In an interview with Germaine Greer recorded a few months before her death in January, Paula Vezalay looks back on her formative years in Paris in the 1920s and explains the obsession in her work with "the line". BBC2, Fri, 9.25-10.05pm.

## DANCE

**FESTIVAL BALLET** Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (580 5562). Opens Wed, until Aug 4. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat and Aug 2 at 3pm.

Maria Hayde is guest star for the opening production, *Oregan*, on Mon and Wed; Renata Calabrese dances on Tues and Fridays. Run on Thurs. On Fri, Giselle.

**ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL** Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (278 8516). Mon until July 28 at 7.30pm, matinee July 28 at 2.30pm. There is outstanding talent among this year's student dancers. The programme varies almost daily, but highlights should be the classic *Aurora's Wedding* on Mon - Wed and July 28 evening; a production of Ashton's *Pas de Lignes* on Wed - July 28, and a new ballet by Royal Ballet dancer Ashley Page on Wed, Thurs and July 28 matinee. Folk dances, a work by Wayne Eagling and *Children's Dances* - complete the repertoire.

## OPERA

**GLYNEDOURNE FESTIVAL** Glynedourne, Llanelli, East Sussex (0273 612411). Tonight, the last of the festival of the season, then a choice between *Arabella* (Sun, Tues, July 28) and *Fidelio* (Mon, Wed, July 29).

*Arabella* is Glynedourne's first, and just the "lyrical comedy" Strauss intended it to be.

**THE NATYATYATERS' IOLANTHE** Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank (235 2191). Previews Tues at 7.45pm; opens Wed at 7.45pm. Then at 7pm, then until Aug 11, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinee Sat at 3pm.

With its Iron Maiden Fairy Queen, alias Margaret Thatcher, and Red Strephon a thinly-disguised Ken Livingstone, this production has its own setting to inherit the estate of the Greater London Council.

**Sport and Radio** Peter Waymark: Westward: Louise Nicholson, Ascham: Geraldine Norman; Theatre: Anthony Masters; Concerts: Max Harrison; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch.

## CONCERTS

**WIGMORE HALL FINALE** Tomorrow, 11.30am, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 741 8882).

The last concert of the Wigmore season is given by the Nash Ensemble, who juxtapose Ravel's Introduction and Allegro with a Fantasia of Saint-Saëns and Liszt's *Chopin*.

Operations will recommence on Sept 1: watch this space.

**DIGITAL MOONSCAPES** Tomorrow, 3pm, Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W5 (748 3354).

The Electro-Acoustical Music Association has arranged the world premiere of Carlos's *Digital Moonscapes*, Parker's *Aerobatics* and *And*, and the London premiere of Hellet's *Daggers Drawn*.

**BRITISH CONCERTOS** Tomorrow, 3pm, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (685 4056).

The Southern Pro Arts Orchestra in Howard Ferguson's Piano Concerto (Alan Schiller, soloist).

Leighton's *Veris Grazia*, Howells's *Serenade* and the world premiere of Riddout's *Guitar Concerto* (soloist, Michael Conn).

**VIVALDI** Tomorrow, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (222 1081).

A Virtual of Roma present a Vivaldi programme with a harpsichord concerto, a cello concerto, a concerto for two violins, all in A major, and *The Seasons*. Angelo Stefanato conducts.

**BRASS WITH BLUES** Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Guildhall School of Music, Silk Street, London EC2 (236 2801).

The Grimethorpe Colliery Band conducted by Elgar Howarth gives the London premiere of Tippett's *Festival Brass with Blues*.

**NEW DISCOP** Tomorrow, 8pm, Town Hall, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 523 890).

Howard Shelley is the soloist in the world premiere of Peter Dickinson's *Piano Concerto*. Edward Downes conducts the Philharmonia in Holst and Elgar.

**MASK OF TIME** Mon, 7pm, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 8212, credit cards 589 9485).

The European premiere of Tippett's ten-movement, concert-length *Mask of Time* by the BBC Singers, Symphony Chorus and Orchestra with soloists Faye Robinson, Felicity Palmer, Kenneth Riegel and John Cheek. Andrew Davis conducts. The piece is concerned with the evolution of the world and mankind, relationships between man and time, and so on. The concert is broadcast live on Radio 3.

**SUMMER SONG** Tues, 1.10pm, St Vedast-aldergate, Fleet Street, London EC2 (235 1824).

The Grosvenor Chamber Players give the British premiere of David Cuthbert's *Summer Song*, following

with such diverse leaders as Gil Evans and Paul Simon.

**BLOOMSBURY FESTIVAL** From tomorrow, Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (237 8829).

Eclectic is probably the word. To open the proceedings tomorrow, Michael Nyman leads his band through music written for Peter Greenaway's films - principally for *The Draughtsmen's Contract* but also for *Making a Contract* and the British Olympic swimming team, recently shown on Channel 4. Mon: Shanty performs one of her pleasant east-meets-west recitals; Thurs and Fri: Peter Hammett, once of Van Der Graaf Generator.

**PAUL BUTTERFIELD** Mon, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (257 4957).

The white singer and harmonica-player whose rise in the middle 1960s gave the American blues revival its equivalent of John Mayall is rarely sighted these days.

**JAMES BLOOD ULMER** Mon, The Venue, 108 Victoria Street, London SW1 (228 2441).

Never easy listening, but the effort is worth it since Ulmer, a guitarist

from Arkansas, is among the world's most challenging and provocative musicians, poised tantalizingly between the most ancient music and the most modern.

**BOBBY McFERRIN** Mon to Wed, Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (388 3394); Thurs, Alderbury, Douglas Way, London SE3 (891 3333).

Like Lambert, Hendricks and Ross in an earlier era, Bobby McFerrin takes the techniques of recent jazz and vocalizes them - to the delight of a wide audience, which relishes the sleight of tongue.

**ROGER McGUIRE** Tues and Wed, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (257 4957).

A pair of grumpy spars, a 12-string Rickenbacker and a song by Bob Dylan were a potent combination in 1965, and McGuire's Byrds stayed around to make a lasting contribution to rock music. His shows at the Venue a few years ago with fellow Byrds Chris Hillman and Gene Clark were utterly dreary, but his new band, unfortunately called the Peacekeepers, contains Gene

Parsons and Skip Batin, who were both with him at the time of "Chester Heart", and Sneaky Pete Kleinow, the fine steel-guitarist and founder member of the Flying Burrito Brothers.

**ELLA & NELSON** Thurs to Sat, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 (828 5823).

This is probably the way to see and hear Miss Fitzgerald nowadays, teased and encouraged by Mr Riddle's peerless orchestral arrangements. His ministrations, and the sheer splendour of the event (tickets from £45 to £100, super included), should ease away the signs of strain sometimes apparent when she has only a rhythm section to support her.

**DOLLAR BRAND** Fri, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (228 3191).

The South African pianist is now a regular visitor, but this will be something special. He is bringing a septet, including the saxophonists Ricky Ford, Carlos Ward and Charles Davis, with Cecil McBee on bass and Ben Riley on drums, to play orchestrated versions of his township hymns and dances.

## THE TIMES SPORTS AND LEISURE SET

MORE and more people are beginning to appreciate the importance of taking some sort of regular exercise, whether it's jogging, squash, keep-fit classes or weightlifting. These good quality, stylish sports garments complement each other beautifully to provide a smart versatile kit for a wide variety of sporting activities.

THE shorts are made in England, whilst the T-shirt and hooded zip-jacket are American-made by Mr President, all are made from a machine washable combination of cotton and man-made fibres. The whole set is available in traditional sweatshirt grey with the title of "THE TIMES" printed in soft navy blue flock on the left hand breast of the T-shirt and jacket and on the left leg of the shorts. The Times T-shirts are fine-knit with a crew neck and short sleeves, while the shorts are in a heavier fleecy lined fabric with short leg and elasticated waist. Ideal for energetic sports and leisure activities, as the soft absorbent fabric is soft and easy to wear.

THE hooded zip jacket is the perfect sporting cover-up, and would also look smart over jeans or track suit trousers. Made from the traditional fleecy lined sweatshirt material, it has a strong metal zip, hood with drawstrings, set-in sleeves, stretch-knit cuffs and hem, and front patch pocket.

The wide range of sizes should suit most people.

T-shirts £3.99 (34-36) £4.99 (36-38) £5.99 (38-40) £6.99 (40-42) £7.99 (42-44) £8.99 (44-46) £9.99 (46-48) £10.99 (48-50) £11.99 (50-52) £12.99 (52-54) £13.99 (54-56) £14.99 (56-58) £15.99 (58-60) £16.99 (60-62) £17.99 (62-64) £18.99 (64-66) £19.99 (66-68) £20.99 (68-70) £21.99 (70-72) £22.99 (72-74) £23.99 (74-76) £24.99 (76-78) £25.99 (78-80) £26.99 (80-82) £27.99 (82-84) £28.99 (84-86) £29.99 (86-88) £30.99 (88-90) £31.99 (90-92) £32.99 (92-94) £33.99 (94-96) £34.99 (96-98) £35.99 (98-100) £36.99 (100-102) £37.99 (102-104) £38.99 (104-106) £39.99 (106-108) £40.99 (108-110) £41.99 (110-112) £42.99 (112-114) £43.99 (114-116) £44.99 (116-118) £45.99 (118-120) £46.99 (120-122) £47.99 (122-124) £48.99 (124-126) £49.99 (126-128) £50.99 (128-130) £51.99 (130-132) £52.99 (132-134) £53.99 (134-136) £54.99 (136-138) £55.99 (138-140) £56.99 (140-142) £57.99 (142-144) £58.99 (144-146) £59.99 (146-148) £60.99 (148-150) £61.99 (150-152) £62.99 (152-154) £63.99 (154-156) £64.99 (156-158) £65.99 (158-160) £66.99 (160-162) £67.99 (162-164) £68.99 (164-166) £69.99 (166-168) £70.99 (168-170) £71.99 (170-172) £72.99 (172-174) £73.99 (174-176) £74.99 (176-178) £75.99 (178-180) £76.99 (180-182) £77.99 (182-184) £78.99 (184-186) £79.99 (186-188) £80.99 (188-190) £81.99 (190-192) £82.99 (192-194) £83.99 (194-196) £84.99 (196-198) £85.99 (198-200) £86.99 (200-202) £87.99 (202-204) £88.99 (204-206) £89.99 (206-208) £90.99 (208-210) £91.99 (210-212) £92.99 (212-214) £93.99 (214-216) £94.99 (216-218) £95.99 (218-220) £96.99 (220-222) £97.99 (222-224) £98.99 (224-226) £99.99 (226-228) £100.99 (228-230) £101.99 (230-232) £102.99 (232-234) £103.99 (234-236) £104.99 (236-238) £105.99 (238-240) £106.99 (240-242) £107.99 (242-244) £108.99 (244-246) £109.99 (246-248) £110.99 (248-250) £111.99 (250-252) £112.99 (252-254) £113.99 (254-256) £114.99 (256-258) £115.99 (258-260) £116.99 (260-262) £117.99 (262-264) £118.99 (264-266) £119.99 (266-268) £120.99 (268-270) £121.99 (270-272) £122.99 (272-274) £123.99 (274-276) £124.99 (2







## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

## A minor miracle next month, please

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However, the Government needs the money. National Savings is budgeted to contribute £3 billion to funding during 1984/85, and returns for the first quarter of the financial year show the Department is lagging badly.

The conjunction of yesterday's National Savings package with the surprise announcement of £700m of new taxpayers for the gilts market suggests that the Government is making an all-out bid to fund borrowing during the banking month of August.

The Government seems to be hoping for some kind of minor miracle around the beginning of August. The 27th issue of certificates is merely suspended from August 7, with the new issue coming in on the following day. Perhaps therefore the Chancellor is gambling that interest rates will have shown signs of peaking by then, making the 28th issue a sell-out, which should tie up the funding for banking August. Re-enter, subsequently, the 27th, cheaper, issue?

Such a strategy, if this is the correct interpretation, ignores the knock-on effect of yesterday's package on building societies which have yet to make up their minds over mortgage and deposit rates. The spectacle of the public sector borrowing office building society chief to secure his own deposit base as tightly as possible. But the spectacle is highly amusing to savers.

## Merrill Lynch's credit rating cut

Those guardians of the financial charts, Standard & Poor's, have in their flinty assessment of creditworthiness and now it is the turn of the mighty Merrill Lynch, no less, to suffer the indignity of having its debt downgraded. The senior debt has been downgraded from AA+ to AA, and the subordinated

senior debt now carries an AA- rating instead of AA. In all, \$1.7 billion of debt is affected.

No doubt Merrill Lynch will live to fight another day. The downgrading is little more than an indignity; the changes are the smallest possible, if highly unusual for a company such as Merrill, and S&P hints that a restoration is possible should Merrill's reorganization plan prove successful.

But the reasons for the reassessment of Merrill Lynch's credit raise awkward questions about other firms in the financial supermarket field. Merrill lost \$18.6m in the first three months of this year, and most of that came from income tax adjustments. Nor do the immediate prospects look good.

Merrill has taken corrective measures. A new chief executive has announced a customer rather than product-oriented approach - how was it ever possible to forget the customer? - and the huge workforce is being cut. Significantly, however, similar measures are being applied by rivals: the very profitable Salomon Brothers has begun an internal review of structure and overheads.

Nor do the warnings apply only to the likes of American Express, the big money centre banks, or even commodity-oriented companies such as Drexel, Burnham Lambert. There is a message for those in the City who have embraced enthusiastically the gospel of the financial supermarket. It might even colour Merrill's attitude towards getting hitched with a London firm.

## Exchange looks to its public image

While the technocrats and rule makers settle down for a summer creating a brave new world for Stock Exchange members old and new, a smaller, but none the less significant, change is taking place elsewhere in the Throgmorton Street tower.

The Exchange has a good record of keeping its own members in order and its second to none at protecting the public from being misled with its money by the firm's collapse. But those close to the 23rd floor, where decisions are made, scent that the traditional low profile management style may no longer be appropriate.

A recent example of that footedness which raised hackles was the Stock Exchange announcement stating that its council had "unanimously" agreed to the competing market maker system.

There is still some dispute over whether a formal vote was taken on the matter or whether it was just generally agreed.

In the coming months, it is going to require delicate skills to keep the temperature cool enough to ensure that decisions are taken free of personal emotion.

## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **BLACK ARROW GROUP** Year to March 31. Comparisons are restored. Turnover £8.34m (£6.98m). Pretax profit £1.03m (£876,000). Total dividend 3.5p (3p).

● **FLATIRON INTERNATIONAL** Mr Gilbert Platon, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year opened with a good workload. In the first quarter, the order book has further improved and budgets for the year envisage significant additional growth.

● **SHAWDON TRUST** Interim dividend for 1984 raised from the equivalent of 0.7p to 0.75p a share. The board intends to recommend a final dividend of 1.25p a share in April 1985, which would bring the total dividend to 2.00p.

● **ELECTRONIC MACHINE** Half-year to March 31. Turnover £349,000 (£298,000). Pretax profit £15,000 (£22,000). Bearing on the company's results, the full year results should justify a modest dividend - the first for many years.

● **HAROLD INGRAM** (controlled by Waddington Establishment) Year to April 30. Sales £4.16m (£2.78m). Pretax profit £24,000 (£29,000). No dividend (5p).

● **DEWHURST & PARKER** Half-year to April 1. Turnover £1.82m (£1.60m). Pretax profit £67,000 (£58,000). Interim dividend 0.25p (0.225p). The company has reasonable expectations of matching last year's results.

to be operational by 1986 and should produce better quality lines with fewer delays. The order follows STC's success this year in winning contracts to supply cables for links between Singapore and Hongkong and between Singapore and Europe. The largest order so far has been for an 8,000-mile cable between Canada and Australia.

## NatWest buys 5% of broker as a step to investment bank

By William Kay City Editor

The battle for the future commanding heights of the London stock market was taken a significant step further yesterday when National Westminster Bank completed the blueprint for a wide-ranging investment bank through its subsidiary County Bank. It has taken a 5 per cent interest in the stock-broking firm Fielding, Newson-Smith.

This is the maximum National Westminster is allowed under the present rules of the Stock Exchange, but both parties confirm that the bank will eventually take 100 per cent.

The Fielding news comes at the announcement last February that National Westminster was buying 29.9 per cent of Biggood Bishop, the stockjobbing firm. Because of that holding, the bank can now buy no more than 5 per cent of



Dundas Hamilton: price of deal not disclosed

Fielding. The two will ultimately be merged with County Bank to form an international securities house using National Westminster's worldwide branch network.

National Westminster is now in the same position as Barclays Bank to take advantage of the

future liberalization of the Stock Exchange, except that Barclays has said it wants no more than 75 per cent each of its market partners, the jobber Wedd Duncker and the stockbroker De Zoete and Bevan.

A stark contrast has developed between these two banks and their two main British rivals, Lloyds and Midland. Lloyds has made no public move so far. Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank of which Midland owns 60 per cent, has announced a link with the stockbroker W Greenwell.

National Westminster discreetly signalled the deal with Fielding on Thursday when it was unveiling its £236m rights issue, saying "the fundamental changes which are taking place in financial markets in the UK present the bank with opportunities which may call for additional capital investment."

However, Mr Charles Villiers of County Bank was at pains

yesterday to point out that the timing of the two announcements was coincidental. "We have been talking to Fielding since March, but it takes time to get a partnership agreement," he said. The price of the deal has not been disclosed.

On the face of it, Fielding is not an obviously neat fit with Biggood and County, both of which are strong in the United Securities Market. Fielding does have a considerable corporate finance department, and is highly regarded for its expertise in index-linked gilts.

Mr Dundas Hamilton, Fielding's senior partner, said: "We do hope to develop a primary dealership in gilts."

Fielding and National Westminster intend to establish a significant international presence. Fielding has already engaged Mr Tony Regan, formerly Citicorp's vice-president in charge of international investment, to underline this.

## Legal threat at Minet

A new committee of Lloyd's representing PCW underwriting members who do not accept the £38.17m compensation offer from Minet and Alexander Services will take legal action against Minet and Alexander immediately if the offer goes ahead after next Tuesday's deadline.

## STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1009.8 up 8.8 (high: 1012.4; low: 1008.1) Index: 7762.2 up 11.5  
FT All Share Index: 78.44 up 0.20  
FT All Share N/A: 17.357  
Datanorm USM Leaders Index: 95.27 down 143.52  
New York Dow Jones Industrial Average: (lasted) 1102.47 down 0.44  
Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 9,945.27 down 143.52  
Hongkong Hang Seng Index: 801.10 up 3.45  
Amsterdam: 150.8 down 0.1  
Sydney: AO Index 680.9 down 2.4  
Frankfurt Commerzbank Index: 532.9 down 5.3

## CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE  
Sterling \$1.3240 down 50pts  
Index 78.7 up 0.1  
DM 3.7850 up 0.0075  
FF 11.8025 up 0.0285  
Yen 242.25 up 2.00  
Dollar Index 136.9 up 0.1  
DM 2.8560 up 0.0070  
NEW YORK LATEST  
Sterling \$1.3250  
Dollar DM 2.8615  
INTERNATIONAL  
ECU £0.592231  
SDR £0.772703

## INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:  
Bank base rates 12%  
Finance houses base rate 9%  
Discount market loans week fixed 12%  
3 month interbank 12% - 12%  
Euro-currency rates:  
3 month dollar 12 - 1 1/4%  
3 month DM 7 1/2 - 3 3/4%  
3 month FF 5 1/2 - 5 3/4%  
US rates:  
Bank prime rate 13.00%  
Fed funds 10 1/4%  
Treasury long bond 100 1/2% - 100 3/4%  
EGBD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period June 8 to July 3 1984, inclusive: 9.488 per cent.

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am \$348.50 pm \$342.00  
close \$341.00 - \$341.50 (\$257.50 - \$258.00)  
New York (latest): \$339.25  
Kruggerand (per coin):  
\$351.50 - \$353.00 (\$265.50 - \$268.50)  
Sovereigns (new):  
\$80.00 - \$81.00 (\$60.50 - \$61.25)  
\*Excludes VAT

## STC wins £104m sea cable deal

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

A contract worth £104m to supply a 2,500-mile submarine telephone cable link between Australia, Indonesia and Singapore, has been won by Standard Telephone and Cables.

STC said the order would mean extra job security for 1,150 workers at its factories at Southampton and Greenwich. Under a partial offset deal, STC's Australian sister company in Sydney will be completing assembly work on the cable repeaters.

The cable will carry 1,380 telephone circuits and should fulfil the needs of the region for up to 10 years.

A more advanced optical fibre cable could carry 20,000 circuits but would cost several times more and was considered inappropriate, and STC spokesman said. The cable is planned



## Hanson builds up stake in Charter

By Jeremy Warner

Hanson trust has built up a substantial shareholding in Charter Consolidated, the British mining and industrial conglomerate which is a limb of Mr Harry Oppenheimer's business empire. The stake may be close to the 5 per cent level at which Hanson would be legally obliged to disclose its existence.

Predatory buying in Charter Consolidated shares was disclosed in *The Times* market report on Tuesday. At that stage the shares stood at 195p but they have since raced ahead, rising a further 14p yesterday, to 245p where they put a price tag of £237m on the company.

Hanson was playing its cards close to its chest yesterday. Mr John Pattison, a Hanson

director, said: "We are rumoured to be interested in so many companies that we simply cannot comment."

Charter's performance has disappointed the City for several years now, and it reported a substantial fall in profits for the year to the end of March. Valued at a substantial discount to its underlying worth, it is just the sort of group in which Hanson would be interested.

However, Charter is 35.7 per cent owned by Minoro, a key holding company in the South African business empire ultimately controlled by Harry Oppenheimer.

Minoro last night denied that its stake was up for sale

## Fenner fights takeover

By Our Financial Staff

J. H. Fenner, the Hull counteracting group, retained against Hawker Siddeley's unwanted £42m takeover bid yesterday with a forecast of a substantial rise in both dividends and profits for this year.

In a formal defence document sent to shareholders yesterday, Fenner estimated that its price for the year to the end of September would not be

less than £5.8m - an increase of 29 per cent.

The group said that the second half of the current year had been adversely affected by the miners' strike and the civil strife in India.

Fenner shares were unchanged at 140p on the defence. Hawker's shares and cash bid, which closed for the first time on Thursday, is worth

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## Credit watch on Midland

Standard and Poor's, the US credit-rating agency, has placed both Midland Bank and its Californian subsidiary Crocker National on "credit watch" - a sign that S and P is considering altering their debt ratings.

S and P said yesterday that Midland's plan to buy out minority shareholders in Crocker could have "negative implications" for Midland Bank.

● **THE BRISTOL Evening Post**, publishers of the *Evening Post* and the *Western Daily Press*, increased its profits from £1.8m to £2.5m last year. Most of the improvement came from its newspaper publishing interests.

● **COWAN, DE GROOT**, the toy company and proprietor of the Russian Shop in Holborn, London, has recovered from the setback of 1982-83 with profits of £880,000, against £224,000 last year. Sales were down from £29.4m to £26.6m after rationalisation of loss-making businesses. The dividend, increased in 1982-83, has been maintained at 2p.

● **THE NORTHERN ROCK** Building Society has raised its loan rate from 10.25 to 12.8 per cent and the Guardian's rate has risen from 10.75 to 13 per cent.

● **SIR KENNETH CORFIELD**, chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, has been elected president of the Institute of Directors.

● **THE WORLD BANK** made net earnings of \$600m (£454m) during the year to June 30, 1984, compared with \$752 last year. The international lending agency borrowed a gross \$9.8 billion at an average interest rate of 8.42 per cent.

## Maxwell loses at Waddington

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday failed to thwart a £5.2m rights issue of John Waddington, the games and business forms group, in which he holds a 25.79 per cent stake.

But Mr Maxwell succeeded in defeating a Waddington resolution which brought up to date articles of association first drawn up in 1954.

Mr George Willett - a former corporate finance partner with Grieson Grant, the stock-

broker, and now a personal consultant for Mr Maxwell - told shareholders at the annual meeting that the rights issue was a "frustrating tactic".

Mr Maxwell's unsuccessful bid late last year left him with a 29 per cent stake in Waddington. After Waddington issued more shares for the rights issue, Mr Maxwell's holding was diluted to 25.75 per cent. Unless Mr Maxwell takes up his rights now, the stake will drop to just over 21 per cent.

Mr Willett gave formal notice yesterday of Mr Maxwell's intention to requisition a special shareholders' meeting, in a bid to appoint two non-executive directors - nominated by him - to the Waddington board. Previous informal requests have been rejected.

Mr Maxwell has said that if he fails to get board representation, he wants to sell his shares. Waddington said that Kleinwort Benson, its banker, is at present seeking buyers.

## Bankers see little chance of progress

## Doubts on Argentine debt

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Argentine hopes of agreement with the International Monetary Fund within a matter of days were dismissed as too optimistic by commercial bankers and monetary officials yesterday.

Senior Bernardo Grinspun, Economy Minister, said on television on Thursday: "We are confident that the authorities of the Fund will recommend our letter of intent to the executive board within the next few days, which will open the path to negotiations with the Club of Paris and later with the commercial banks."

However, monetary sources in Washington held out little hope of rapid progress. Sources said there was still need for Argentina to put forward realistic proposals to satisfy the IMF.

IMF officials have been discouraged with Argentine plans for big increases in public sector wages, which are seen as incompatible with the need to

## Latin America's Debts (\$ billion)

Argentina	44
Bolivia	3.5
Brazil	93
Chile	18
Colombia	12
Costa Rica	7
Ecuador	1
Mexico	89
Peru	12
Uruguay	4
Venezuela	34

\*Market estimates

reduce the budget deficit and inflation.

In his broadcast, Senior Grinspun repeated the Government's determination to raise wages by 6 to 8 per cent in real terms with inflation running at 570 per cent and attain economic growth of about 5 per cent.

Optimistic Argentine statements on its negotiations with the IMF have frequently coincided with looming deadlines on debt payments. Argentina is due to repay \$300m (£227m) to four Latin American countries by July 31.

Commercial banks have also set a deadline of August 15 for repayment of \$125m advanced last month to meet interest payments, unless Argentina reaches an agreement.

The protracted negotiations over Argentina's debts are in marked contrast to the progress made by Mexico.

However, Bolivia, one of the smallest Latin American debtors, which has been forced to halt even interest payments to the banks because of its political and economic problems, has now received a stiff rejoinder from its bank creditors.

At a meeting with Bolivia's Finance Minister, Señor Oscar Bonifaz, a committee representing 128 creditor banks has rejected Bolivia's unilateral decision to halt payments.

The committee said it would recommend creditors to take "whatever action is in their best interests" if Bolivia did not resume negotiations and some interest payments after three months.

Banking sources said this was an implicit threat to declare Bolivia in default.







STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Index takes heart with 11 point surge

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

Shares heaved a huge sigh of relief over the expected dockers' settlement yesterday and the FT 30 share index closed 11.5 points higher at 776.2 points.

Trading was, once again, light and markets had to contend with such near perennial worries as the interest rate trend and the miners' strike. Indeed, but for fears that US interest rates were about to take off again, the London market would have enjoyed an even more exuberant session.

Gills were in form, with gains of up to 5%, before the latest array of new tablets, worth £700m, eroded sentiment.

Gold shares lost a dollar or so as the bullion price gave ground in later trading.

Analysts have moved quickly to downgrade Boots after the increased price competition market. But after a confident speech by the chairman of Boots at the annual meeting, broker Grieson Grant is confident Boots can raise pretax profits from £148m to £167m this year, leaving the shares on an attractive p/e of under 10. The market's hot taken account of the success of the drug on the over-the-counter market. Shares of Boots rallied 4p to 167p yesterday.

Henlys, the loss making garage group, held at 121p despite growing expectations that Mr Michael Ashcroft is poised to make a bid for full control.

Coleman Milne, one of the multitude of companies under the Ashcroft influence, has about 27 per cent of Henlys and has seemed to be lurking with bid intent for some time.

The Ashcroft vehicle has already made one possible attempt to win control of Henlys when it let it be known that it was prepared to pay about 120p a share. But such an approach failed to entice Henlys' directors.

There is talk that Henlys has a property revaluation in its locker which could throw up a 185p a share asset valuation. And the Henlys' board has retained the support of the Bank of Scotland which has a near 30 per cent shareholding.

There appears to be a growing split between leading brokers over the prospects for Associated Dairies, the supermarkets group, which rallied 6p to 148p

after a period of prolonged weakness. Earlier this week broker Hoare Govett decided to downgrade prospects for the present year by £8m to £120m.

The market is fearful that the prolonged miners' strike could start to bite heavily into profits. But the broker, Scrimgeour Kemp Coe, known for its retail analysis, visited the company on Thursday and is happy with its original forecast for the present year of between £125m and £130m.

Preliminary figures for 1983/84, expected shortly, should reveal profits of between £105m and £110m. Both Scrimgeour and Kemp Coe are surprised by the fears created by the miners' strike and reckon that the momentum of volume growth is being maintained.

Scrimgeour is continuing to recommend the shares as a buy and claims there is still a lot to go for in the sector generally. Tesco is another food retailer it fancied and yesterday the shares responded with a 1p rise to 158p after a line of more than 1 million shares went through the market earlier this week.

Elsewhere in food retailing, Calsonic, the family controlled supermarket group, was in fine form after renewed bid speculation. The ordinary shares closed 60p higher at 320p and the 'A' 35p at 235p. But any bid would have to be agreed by the family.

Dee Corp was another firm market rising 18p to 476p ahead of full year figures next week. Dealers said this might have been due to a late bout of upgrading by analysts in a thin market.

Shares of Bergaiville, the Australian mining group, remained a weak market closing 3p lower at a new low of 95p as a line of 1.1 million shares that had been overhanging the market for a few days was cleared.

Woodside Petroleum was another dull market sliding 1p to 72p. But word in the market suggests the oil and gas exploration group is shortly to announce it has found a buyer for its reserves of natural gas discovered in its latest offshore drilling programme.

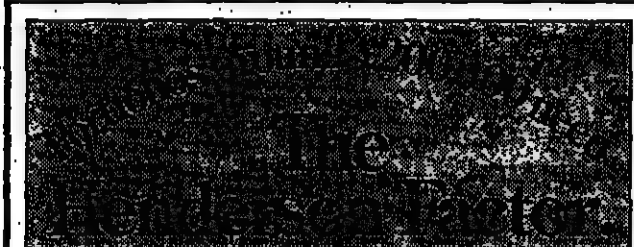
According to close observers the Japanese are willing to buy as much as Woodside can supply and that could provide a big boost to profits over the next few years. But last night the shares were prepared to drift lower with the rest of the Australian market.

C. H. Beazer has stepped up its pressure to win control of rival builder William Leech and ordered its broker L. Messel to stand in the market and bid 145p after Beazer announced it had received acceptances totalling 6.95 million shares, or 46.4 per cent.

It was unclear last night if Beazer had managed to pick up the remaining 3.6 per cent of the shares to give it control of

Merchant bankers Brown Shipley plans to offer for sale next month five million shares in an intriguing US exploration group, Green Western Resources. Likely sale price is 160p against an asset level of £2.18 a share. Green Western, has shunned a US flotation because its founder, Mr Daniel Pena, feels the issue will be better received in London. It made profits of \$402,000 in its last six months.

Leech, Beazer lost 5p at 303p. The latest bidder to receive a bid is Glossop, which says it has entered into discussions with a third party which may result in an offer being made for the shares capital of the company. The shares greeted the news with a 119p rise to a new high of 68p valuing the entire company at £4.8m.



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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Renewed strength of the dollar featured in markets, still reflecting the buoyant American economy and expectations of higher interest rates.

Even sterling, itself underpinned by firm interest rates and a settlement of the docks dispute, failed to hold Thursday's late dollar gain. It closed half a cent down at 1.3240.

But the pound made progress against leading continental currencies, enabling the effective exchange rate index to edge up another 0.1 to 78.7.

Deutsche marks declined from 2.8470 to 2.8560 against the dollar, while Swiss franc fell from 2.4070 to 2.4150, and French francs weakened from 8.7350 to 8.7625.

The Japanese yen dipped from 243.30 to 244.85 in terms of the dollar.

MONEY MARKETS

The peace formula for the docks allowed period rates to drop back from the higher levels established earlier in the week. Day-to-day money, however, remained dominated by the shortage of liquidity that has been making it more difficult for the authorities to take out the technical shortages.

The Bank of England had forecast a shortage of about £150m at the outset. Its figure was amended to £200m at midday and the £250m in the afternoon. In the lunchtime operation, the authorities succeeded in drawing out tenders of only £33m of bills.

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## Advice for women

Money Matters, the organization, is offering one-day courses on financial affairs for women. Young professional women will be giving advice on issues such as saving, investing, buying a house and surviving a divorce. The next course will be held at 21 Portland Place, W1 on November 10. This will follow a course on October 20 on starting and running your own business.

Details from Susan Fieldman on 01-221-2288.

## Student cover

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## Conflict warning

If a solicitor was part of a firm which acted as estate agent in house conveyancing, and which gained commission on the sale of the property, there must be a danger of a conflict of interest, said Mr Christopher Ward, a solicitor, at a seminar organized by the Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers. Mr Ward expressed concern at how all elements of housebuying could satisfactorily come in one package.

He also said that the public should not be misled into thinking that all transfers were now easier due to the work of the Land Registry. "In fact, in many cases problems with boundaries and covenants are more complex than was the case before titles were registered," he said.

## Top returns

The rise in interest rates is good news for investors who are now receiving the highest real return (after taking into account inflation) for many years. Two building societies offering particularly attractive deals are the Llantrisant and Cheltenham & Gloucester. Llantrisant's new fixed rate, fixed term, one-year Spe Bond is paying a guaranteed 9.25 per cent net of basic rate tax. This is equivalent to 13.21 per cent gross to a basic rate taxpayer. Unlike most building society investments which operate on a variable basis, the Spe Bond pays a fixed rate. The minimum investment is £2,000 with a maximum of £20,000. From August 1, Cheltenham & Gloucester Gold account will be paying 9 per cent net of basic rate tax, the equivalent of 12.86 per cent to a basic rate taxpayer. The minimum investment is £1,000, no notice periods are required, and there are no penalties on withdrawal. For a minimum investment of £5,000 Cheltenham Gold will pay interest monthly.



Winning streak: Porchester's hope for the round Britain offshore powerboat race

## Powerboat cover

Porchester Group, the insurance broker, is providing insurance cover for the turbo-charged superboat tipped to win the round-Britain offshore powerboat race. Porchester has put together a package, covering both boat and crew. The managing director of Porchester Group, Miss Jackie Pressman, met the driver Mr Richard Lawson at an early race function and offered to help out with the insurance requirements which were threatening to overwhelm him.

## Midshires offer

One of the best offers for investors comes from the Midshires Building Society. From July 16 it is paying 8.25 per cent of basic rate tax on its High Return Account. The new rate applies to both existing and new accounts. Deposits of £200 earn interest of 9.25 per cent net, equivalent to 9.46 per cent net of basic rate tax when you add half-yearly interest to your account. Money can be withdrawn instantly with a loss of

60 days interest and no loss of interest is incurred if 28 days notice of withdrawal is given. If a balance of £10,000 is maintained in the account, withdrawals may be made without any notice or penalty.

Further details from Midshires Building Society, PO Box 81, Wolverhampton WV1 1EL (Tel. Wolverhampton 10710).

## US launch

A new American Income Trust has been launched by Allied Unit Trust Company which will invest in the United States. It aims to produce an above-average and growing income, as well as good prospects of capital growth from a portfolio of equities. The portfolio will be supplemented by convertibles to widen the range of growth opportunities. The initial yield will be 5 per cent.

Allied believes that the launch of the American Income Trust could be well-timed, as Wall Street offers a wide selection of stocks at attractive prices. The minimum investment is £250. Further details from Allied (telephone 01-434 3211).

## Repayment relief

A new insurance-linked low start home ownership plan has been launched by Property Growth Assurance and is designed to lessen the burden of repayments during the early years of a mortgage at the end of the term or in the event of earlier death is guaranteed. PGA says that initially the cost is likely to be no more than on a straight repayment loan. Details from Property Growth Assurance Ltd, Leam House, High Street, Croydon, CR9 1LU.

During the first five years, contributions to the insurance policy linked to the loan are at a level nearly 50 per cent below those made during the remainder of the term. Repayment of the mortgage at the end of the term or in the event of earlier death is guaranteed. PGA says that initially the cost is likely to be no more than on a straight repayment loan. Details from Property Growth Assurance Ltd, Leam House, High Street, Croydon, CR9 1LU.

## Bond yield increase

The rise in interest rates has enabled investment adviser R. J. Temple to negotiate a second increase in the yield on its current offer of three-year Guaranteed Income Bonds. The bond is now being issued with an annual income of 9.3 per cent net of basic rate tax which is equivalent to 13.28 per cent gross. Minimum investment in the bond is £1,000 and there is no upper limit. It is available to anyone aged 12 or over.

Where at least £10,000 is invested in the bond, investors may if they wish receive monthly income payments. If this option is taken the income paid will be at the annual rate of 9 per cent net over the 3-year term. Further details from R. J. Temple and Company, Investment Services Division, Temple House, 37 Grand Parade, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2QA. Tel. 0273 675196.

## Share guide

The Stock Exchange has produced a good simple guide - *An Introduction to Buying and Selling Shares* - aimed at people who may find themselves holding shares for the first time through a company scheme or a bequest. British Telecom which is about to be

privatized, clearly thinks it may persuade people to apply for shares as it is including an invitation to apply for the free booklet with the present crop of telephone bills. Copies are available from The Stock Exchange, London, EC2N 1HP.

## Tax relief ruling

Many more people than initially expected will find that in spite of having proposed forms with their insurance company well before Budget day when Life Assurance Premium Relief (LAPR) was abolished, they will not be entitled to tax relief on their insurance policy.

The Inland Revenue ruled that formal acceptance of a proposal had to have been issued by the insurance company by midnight on Budget day for the policy to qualify for tax relief on premiums. At first it was thought that only those people who had filed in at the last minute would not be eligible. But as one big insurer points out, at any time an insurance company has as much as 50 per cent of its proposals in the pipeline being processed - some awaiting medicals, or clarification of small technical points.

But those people will also be denied tax relief on their policies, some of whom had their proposals with the insurer anything up to six to eight weeks before the Budget.

## Rate changes

Midland Bank is increasing the interest on its high interest cheque account from 10 to 11 per cent from July 19. The minimum investment is £2,000, maximum £100,000. This is a cheque book account and no notice of withdrawal is required, but the minimum withdrawal is £200. Interest is paid quarterly. Holders may also run a current account, free of bank charges if it's kept in credit.

The interest rate on Midland's monthly income deposit account is being increased from 8.5 to 10.75 per cent from August 16. This is a lump sum investment with a minimum of £2,000. Additions of £250 can be made at any time, and interest is paid monthly.

## PENSIONS

## Sting in the tail for insurers

In all the reactions to the Government's consultative document on personal portable pensions no one so far appears to have noticed a potential bombshell for the insurance industry tucked away in a clause near the end of the booklet. The paragraph suggests that banks and building societies, among others, could offer insurance pensions as well as the insurance companies.

Because of their widespread branch networks the banks and friendly societies would have a tremendous marketing advantage over the insurance companies which have few branches. When a similar change was made in the pensions market in Canada, insurance companies lost a huge amount of business.

In other respects, reactions to the proposals have been distinctly mixed. Most insurance companies and independent advisers applaud the government's aims. But many feel there are enormous practical problems to be sorted out. And, as one analyst commented, "it intends to be all things to all men and so begs many important questions".

One of the most crucial unmentioned issues is the tax situation of the new pensions.

Richard Thomson.

## GOLD FUTURES

## Safety at a price for speculators

Anyone who takes up the offer from Preston Gardner, a firm of commodity advisers, based in London, to invest in its new Gold Plan has got to believe that gold is going to move far and fast if they are to cover their costs.

Not only does Preston Gardner claim that its Gold Plan is highly geared to any rise in gold futures, but also that the downside risk is limited to the cash originally put up by the investor. But like all these guarantees, the investor pays, ready for this security, Preston Gardner guarantees to cover any liabilities incurred if the price collapses so fast that margin calls exceed the investor's original stake. This guarantee is paid for in the charges.

The scheme works like this. Mr Chris Tipping, of Preston Gardner, explains that the minimum investment is the equivalent of five ounces of spot gold - £1,335 at today's rates. The chosen market is Comex in New York, the world's biggest gold futures market, although Philadelphia, Toronto and Montreal may also be pressed into service.

The minimum margin deposit on Comex is 10 per cent of the value of the contract. Of the cash put up by the investor with Preston Gardner, 20 per cent is devoted to margin, so 20 per cent of five ounces of spot gold, produces a stake in 10 ounces of futures gold. This is the gearing. Commission for trading the futures is said to be normal.

Churning (overtrading to generate commission) is avoided by taking positions in more distant dates and holding them. The leaves 80 per cent of your original cash investment.

And this is where the investor pays for his guarantee. Preston Gardner takes 5 per cent of your total investment as a management fee up front. The cash balance (80 per cent of your investment) is invested in the highest yielding easily realizable securities - at the moment, mainly US Treasury Bills. These are currently yielding around 10 per cent of which 3 per cent is passed on to the investor and Preston Gardner pockets the 7 per cent difference.

But there are problems for the investor too. For a start, the plan is unlikely to be attractive when the market is falling. Second, a fairly rapid capital appreciation is needed to offset the virtual absence of income on the stake; third, the taxman tends to be tough on individuals he deems to be traders in futures; fourth, there is an exchange risk on converting into dollars.

One consolation, however, is that Preston Gardner is unlikely to vanish overnight. It is equally owned by M. C. Brackenbury, a member of the London Metal Exchange which it uses as broker, and Robert Jowitt, a very old Bradford wool broker.

Michael Prest

**Personal pensions plan unveiled**  
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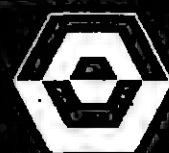
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## GOLF: THREE OLD HANDS STALK THE SECOND-ROUND LEADER

**By John Hennessy**

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## Cram out of Oslo mile

From Pat Butcher, Oslo

Steve Cram has pulled out of the Dream Mile here tonight and is now looking for something in the form of a miracle to get him to Los Angeles fit and fast enough to win the 1,500 metres gold medal. His physiotherapist advised two days of rest yesterday for his swollen right foot.

David Moorcroft is now one of the favourites for the Dream Mile. On his last visit to the Blisten Stadium two years ago Moorcroft shattered Henry Rono's world 5,000 metres record by six seconds, recording 13min, 4.42sec.

Graham Williamson, who beat Cram in Edinburgh on Tuesday is also running, and the organizers are trying to persuade Peter Elliott to

## Bid is made for Cardiff

While hopes rose yesterday for the survival of Fulham, another "outpost" rugby league club, Cardiff, again negotiated for a possible take-over (Kenji Maclean writes).

The board at Ninian Park are considering a bid from a consortium of five Cardiff fans who have been unable to raise the £100,000 needed to establish and have struggled to maintain sufficient home support.

Fulham, who announced on Wednesday that they would not be carrying on with the club at Craven Cottage, have received advice from Roy Close, a quantity surveyor.

● The British team for the second international at Christchurch on Sunday shows three changes from that which lost 12-0 to New Zealand last weekend. Gregory is chosen at

is Olympic distance this close to the Games. If he does he will meet Mike Billy, fresh from a surprise victory over Steve Ovett in an 800 metres (500 yards) race in 1:16.1sec to 1min 46.4(sec) in Marlik, two nights ago.

Uwe Hohn of East Germany broke the world record in the men's javelin with a throw of 104.30 metres, in East Berlin yesterday. Hohn, 22, beat the former record of 102.72 metres set by the American Tom Petráň last year.

**HOCKEY**

**WESTERDALE:** Netherlands 2, Australia 0. (Australia level 1-1 after 2-match series.)

**BOWLS**

**Britain recovers to win**

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They both scored 1,163 and 1,200 at teams of eight shooting at 300 and 600 yards, and the tie-breaker was based on the 600 yards range where Berkshire had 390 against Hertsfordshire's 388.

The King George V Challenge Cup trophy came off to Berkshire as runner-up, 2 Hertfordshire, 1,163; Essex, 1,157; Gloucester and Hereford, 1,100. Yorkshire

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# Circus Plume set for Oaks double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Circus Plume and Media Luna will re-fight their Epsom Oaks duel at the Curragh this afternoon when, for the first time, the Irish Oaks carries the sponsorship of Mr and Mrs Bert Firestone's Giltwater Stud. The Firestones have taken over from Guinness who first involved themselves in the race in 1963.

During the 21 runnings of the Irish Oaks only four fillies, Althea Royale, Juliette Mary, Fair Salina and Blue Wind, managed to complete the Epsom-Curragh double. This underlines the difficulty of Circus Plume's task. There were doubts before Epsom as to whether she would last out the one and a half miles as she is the daughter of High Top. However, in the event, it was her stamina which carried the day.

She looked in trouble when Media Luna, a rank outsider took the advantage of the first furlong but Circus Plume responded remarkably well to the driving of Lester Pigott to regain command close home and win by a neck. She has not raced since whereas Media Luna has made two raids on important French prizes. She failed to stay in the Grand Prix de Paris, finishing six at A Talca, but ran a much better race to be beaten a total of two lengths by the four-year-old, Full of Stars, in the Prix Maurice De Nieuil.

## Curragh runners, riders and form

Televised BBC1 and ITV

GOING: good to firm  
3.45 GILTWOOD STUD IRISH OAKS (Group 1: 3-y-o £80,000; 1m 4f (11 runners))

1	6211-12	ALTHEA ROYALE (D. J. Donnelly) 4 Redwood 9-0	D. Gifford
2	315-11	CIRCUS PLUME (R. H. Macdonald) 4 Daphne 8-0	J. Pigott
3	4-102	FAIR SALINA (D. J. Donnelly) 4 Salina 8-0	A. Leonard
4	341-2	DAILY BUSH (D. J. Donnelly) 4-0	A. Leonard
5	1-4	GOLDEN GROUND (P. Colgan) 4 Brown 8-0	C. Crane
6	49-214	BARBARA RUM (N. Colgan) 4 Brown 8-0	C. Crane
7	133-20	MEDIA LUNA (R. H. Macdonald) 4 P. Kennedy 9-0	C. Crane
8	1-1101	SISTER EUPHORIA (J. P. Colgan) 4 Brown 8-0	C. Crane
9	1-1101	SISTER EUPHORIA (J. P. Colgan) 4 Brown 8-0	C. Crane
10	21-3	TRUANT (R. H. Macdonald) 4 Salina 8-0	J. Pigott
11	13-1111	VERA LA CAUSE (R. H. Macdonald) 4 D. W. 8-0	J. Pigott

7.4 Circus Plume, 4. P. Kennedy, 5. D. W. 8-0, 6. Althea Royale, 7. Media Luna, 8. Sister Euphoria, 9. Truant, 10. Vera La Cause, 11. D. W. 8-0.

FORM: ALTHEA ROYALE (9-0) red and PRINCESS PATI (8-0) red under 3y, 9th to 10th (8-0) in 1000 Guineas here (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 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